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Some fear it's too early for military to phase out tsunami relief efforts





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## ws Tracker ... What's new with old news

#### States

Robert Blake trial: A former police detective testified that Robert Blake wanted to "whack" the woman carrying his child if he couldn't force her to have an abortion.

But William Welch, who worked at the time for Blake as a private investigator, told jurors in Blake's murder trial Thursday that he didn't immediately tell police about Blake's plans because he didn't believe the actor would carry them out. Defense attor-nev M. Gerald Schwartzbach pointed out that when Welch ultimately told his story to police, he said he did not think Blake was talking about killing Bonny Lee Bakley when he used the word "whack

Md. governor's reporter ban: Gov. Robert Ehrlich's ban prohibiting state employees from talking to two journalists at The (Baltimore) Sun does not infringe on their free-speech rights and has not hindered the reporters from doing their job, the state attorney general's office said in a court filing.

The office, which is representing Ehrlich, asked a federal judge to deny The Sun's re quest for a preliminary injunction lifting the ban. The governor's Nov. 18 directive "does not deprive the plaintiffs of anything to which they are constitutionally entitled "the attorney general's office said in a response to the motion filed Tuesday by The Sun.

UCLA corpse-selling scandal: An investiation into a corpse-selling scandal at UCLA has resulted in recommendations for new security measures that include implanting barcodes or radio-frequency identifiers in cadavers, officials said Wednesday.

UCLA suspended its willed-body pro gram early last year after the director was arrested for investigation of dealing in stolen body parts. A body parts dealer who is not affiliated with the University of California system was also arrested. A third UCLA employee was fired.

Church abuse case: A jury was seated Thursday to hear the child-rape case against defrocked priest Paul Shanley, one of the most notorious figures in the Boston Archdiocese sex scandal

Opening statements are set for Monday. Eight men and eight women will hear the case. They will later be split into a 12-member jury and four alternates.

Shanley, 73, is accused of molesting a former altar boy. The alleged victim, now 27, said Shanley raped him repeatedly at St Jean's parish in Newton between 1983 and



THERON GODBOLD/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Kitty Hawk landing: Petty Officer 1st Class Stephen Eidsvaag provides landing direction to an MH-60 Nighthawk during a vertical replenishment aboard USS Kitty Hawk, which is at sea. Replenishment at sea is the on- and off-loading of fuel and stores while ships are under way.

1989, beginning when he was 6.

S.C. Confederate license plates: A South Carolina Senate committee has passed a bill that would allow the Sons of Confederate veterans to get back some of the money made through selling its special license

While the SCV license tags have been on the road for years, profits from them now go into the state's budget.

"All we want to do is be treated like other people who have a special tag," said Don Gordon, chairman of the state SCV's Heritage Defense Committee

#### World

Omagh bombing: The only man convicted in connection with the 1998 car-bombing of Omagh — the deadliest terrorist attack in Northern Ireland history - won the right to a retrial Friday.

The Court of Criminal Appeal in Dublin ruled that Colm Murphy, 52, was wrongly convicted of aiding the Irish Republican Army dissidents responsible for the Omagh attack, which killed 29 people and wounded more than 300.

Murphy had been found guilty in January 2002 of supplying two cell phones used by the IRA dissidents to deliver the car bomb to Omagh. He received a 14-year prison sen-

Murphy's legal team filed an appeal that specified 45 grounds for possible quashing of the conviction. The appellate court accepted two complaints:

Pakistan-India conflict: Pakistan's mili-tary on Friday denied India's claim that Pakistani soldiers fired at Indian positions in Kashmir in violation of a 14-month

cease-fire. India has accused Pakistani troops of firing twice this week across the border that di-

vides Kashmir between the two nations. Neither incident caused casualties, and Indian troops did not retaliate, Indian officials

Mark Thatcher case: Sir Mark Thatcher. convicted in South Africa of participating in a coup plot, said Thursday in London, that he hopes to soon rejoin his family in the United States.

Thatcher, 51, spoke briefly to reporters as he left the home of his mother, former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher Last week, Thatcher pleaded guilty to un-

wittingly helping bankroll a botched coup plot in oil-rich Equatorial Guinea He was fined \$506,000 and given a suspended jail sentence and was allowed to leave South Africa.



# **Tsunami aid groups: Too soon for U.S. to leave**



An HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter from the 33rd Rescue Squadron Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, is loaded inside a C-5 Galaxy cargo aircraft during Operation Unified Assistance in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on Thursday. Kadena helicopters, maintenance personnel and crewmembers are either back or on their way back to their home station after helping deliver relief goods to tsunami victims in Sri Lanka.

BY LELY T. DJUHARI The Associated Press

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — Aid groups warned on Friday it might be too soon for the U.S. military to scale back its emergency operations for Asia's tsuna-mi victims, while an informal cease-fire between Indonesian troops and rebels appeared to have col-lapsed, threatening to derail relief efforts.

Following a U.S. announcement on Thursday that American forces would immediately begin transferring responsibility for relief operations to the "appropriate host nations and international organizations," some aid groups expressed concern that the move came too quickly, as tens of thousands of survi-vors from the Dec. 26 tsunami that struck a dozen nations still were in need of food aid and shelter.

Tallies of the dead from the disaster have varied widely, from about 158,000 to 221,000.

"My gut feeling is that no, the civilian side isn't ready to take over," said Aine Fay, Indonesia director for the Irish aid group Concern. "The American military, the military hardware has been so useful." "I'm a bit taken aback that they're thinking of

withdrawing it already," she said.

Speaking in Bangkok, Thailand, the U.N. special coordinator for tsunami relief, Margareta Wahlstrom, said she hoped the military would not leave immediately because the relief operations depend

on its "resources and machinery She added, however, that, "In a number of weeks to a month the military will be able to phase out and [the operation] be supported by an entirely civilian infrastructure.

More than 11,000 U.S. Navy, Marines, Army, Air Force and Coast Guard personnel backed by 16 U.S. Navy ships currently are involved in providing relief support in the tsunami's aftermath, according to the U.S. Defense Department. Since the operation began, they have delivered more than 8,600 tons of relief supplies to the affected region

Indonesian officials said last week that all foreign troops should be out of their country by March 26, but they later backed away from that deadline. On Friday, Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono reiterated that the date was not hard and fast.

Meanwhile, Indonesia's military confirmed Friday that it had killed 120 suspected rebels who were interfering in relief efforts in the country's worst-hit Aceh province.

"They are the ones who are trying to disrupt aid work," Indonesian military chief Gen. Endriartono Sutarto said in an interview.

"We cannot allow that to happen," he added. "We have to be able to guarantee that aid workers - foreigners and Indonesians - are safe to do their

Separatist rebels and troops in Aceh have been fighting for nearly three decades. Both sides agreed to an informal cease-fire in the aftermath of the tsunami to allow distribution of aid and reassure the thousands of international relief workers there, but the truce now appears under threat.

Rebel spokesman Tengku Jamaica said around 20 guerrillas had been killed, and the 100 others referred to by the military chief were unarmed civilians. He denied that the rebels were targeting aid convoys, and accused the military of abandoning the informal cease-fire.

In Sri Lanka, Norwegian Foreign Minister Jan Petersen, in his role as peace broker between the government and Tamil Tiger rebels, held "very construc-tive" talks Friday with President Chandrika Kumaratunga, presidential spokesman Harim Peiris said.

Petersen and his team of envoys were trying to end disputes between the Tamil Tigers and government troops over distribution of aid to tsunami victims. Each side accuses the other of obstructing deliveries in eastern Sri Lanka, where lines of control between the two sides are unclear

# 'Good preparation'

#### S. Asia support force chief credits training, past efforts for success of tsunami mission

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Stripes

UTAPAO, Thailand - Three weeks after leading a humanitarian mission to help Philippine communities dig their way out of di sastrous mudslides, Brig. Gen. Kenneth J.

Glueck is watching a new mission unfold Glueck led Joint Task Force 535 in the Philippines. At the onset of the task force, the precursor to the current South Asia re lief mission, he served as deputy commander. He now directs operations for Combined Support Force 536.

The mission to the Philippines was really a good preparation mission for this one. Glueck said recently at the CSF headquarters in Utapao. "A lot of the same tools needed to do this mission were used in the Philippines but on a much smaller scale.

In the Philippines, Marine heavy-lift CH-53 and CH-46 helicopters, assisted by Air Force HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters, de livered aid to communities isolated by mudslides and storms

Offshore, the USS Fort McHenry stood by to fuel the helicopters.

#### Clarification

A story published in the Jan. 17 edition of Stripes should have stated that Internet educational program iSAFE is established in all 50 states, according to Erica Carlson, iSAFE America spokeswoman.

In the current mission, most of the same helicopters and personnel are at work. The Fort McHenry is hosting many of the Marine helicopters that fly daily missions to Indonesia. Many of the 660 servicemembers who worked in the Philippines are now in

The similarities are obvious, as is the main difference: the massive scale of the operation in South Asia which includes hundreds of isolated areas and devastated cities in several countries and thousands more ser-

But the mission has other differences, as well as distinct challenges, Glueck said, "In the Philippines it was for the most part just the United States and the Philippines. This particular one is very multinational in flaor. The coordination is much bigger to make sure you get that focused effort

The current operation also involves unfamiliar territories in Indonesia and the introduction of nongovernmental organizations and the United Nations. In the mix are different viewpoints and ways of doing business.

Part of the challenge, Glueck said, has been adapting to the needs of the nonmilitary entities

"There's a lot more coordination required, particularly if you're going to use the multi-national assets," he said. "We make changes every day. Some are just process changes. If the U.N. or U.S. Agency for International Development] need changes, how do they feed it into the system to end up getting the result at the other end? We continually



CHRIS KORHONEN/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corp.

Many of the same personnel and aircraft — such as this KC-130 at Futenma Marine Corps Air Station, Okinawa — that transported relief materials from Pacific bases to the Philippines in December after it was hit by a series of devastating rainstorms are doing a similar mission now in South Asia as part of the tsunami relief effort.

tweaked that system to make it more responsive" to them. "Because of that I think we have an actual stronger alliance between everyone that's here.

U.S. military leaders had less trouble coordinating with the militaries of some nations participating, Glueck said, because they practice that coordination during regional exercises such as Cobra Gold, held each vear in Thailand. He said the U.S. military is aided by a strong relationship with Thailand and especially Singapore, which is helping to coordinate with leaders in Indonesia

"The Sings, being neighbors with the Indonesians, were incredible enablers to help us to accomplish our mission," Glueck said. The relationships that we have with some of the senior officers, from Cobra Gold, those are the same officers who today are in Indonesia. They can help us to be better able to accomplish our mission.'

Indonesia proved challenging in part be-cause the United States stopped holding training exercises with that nation a decade

"It's a little more complicated because we haven't had any experience working in the Indonesian theater," Glueck said. "No one had deployed to Banda Aceh before. No one had deployed to Meulaboh. So every one of those places, when you go in there you have to start from scratch. There was no one that had experience, knowing the airfields, the towns, the threat conditions in the country at the particular time. So it was a build-ing-block approach to get it where it needed to be."

The relief effort, he said, "will definitely open the door for improved security cooperation and engagement in the years to come.

"I think it demonstrates that the American people will respond to any nation in crisis around the world. ... Even though we did not have good exercise schedules and engagement strategies with these particular nations, we showed up and did the job for them and demonstrated the will of the American people."

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## 374th will carry out scheduled ORE

#### But PACAF delays operational readiness inspection until '06 because of tsunami deployments

BY VINCE LITTLE Stare and Strings

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan - Even though a significant chunk of personnel are away supporting the global war on terrorism and tsunami relief missions in South Asia, 374th Airlift Wing officials are moving ahead with the year's first Operational Readiness

Exercise, which plays out this week. But there might be a bit less urgency for participants after Pacific Air Forces announced it would delay the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection until February 2006. Originally scheduled for late May of this year, it was delayed in part because of the U.S. military's ongoing tsunami relief efforts in South Asia.

"It's better to have most of your people around so you can test the entire wing in-stead of just a portion," said 1st Lt. Warren Comer, a 374th Airlift Wing spokesman. "With the people we have gone for the tsunami, [the exercise] won't be as extensive as normally seen. Basically, this tests our readiness to deploy - for any kind of contingen-

Yokota has certainly had its share of real-world practice lately.

Over the past month, about 250 airmen were sent to regions affected by the catastrophic Dec. 26 tsunamis for humanitarian assistance missions. Another 250 left for various locations in Southwest Asia to support operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom in the war on terror

"The stuff we just did with tsunami relief is somewhat similar to what we'd do in an ORE." Comer said. "That was basically done to provide relief, not to defend Japan. But it still had a lot of things that would normally take place in both situations: deploying airmen out to take part in a mission."

engaged in around-the-clock, high-tempo ORE in September, airlifting forces and cargo to South Korea after the outbreak of "hostilities" on the peninsula. In November, a scaled-down version was held

Beginning Monday, airmen will again tackle scenarios generated by the base's inspector general team, which will evaluate personnel throughout the week

"This will be just as intense at times, but people won't be hearing a lot of the alarms and stuff going off like they do during other OREs." Comer added.

In September, the overrun on the south end of Yokota's runway was closed for the exercise's duration. That won't occur this time. he said, and no major facility closures are planned

Base officials routinely alert local Japanese authorities about scheduled exercises while conducting most operations during daytime hours in an effort to reduce the noise impact on surrounding communities.

Prior to the ORI change, Yokota officials had mapped out additional drills for March and April

"The commanders are tweaking the ORE schedule right now," Comer said. "They want to make sure we'll be fully prepared for the ORI next February, so we'll still do a pretty good exercise schedule between then and

Typically, an overall grade is handed out by the base's IG office about two weeks after the exercise. It's based on a standard five-tier evaluation system used by the Air Force, which delivers marks to denote outstanding, excellent, satisfactory, marginal and unsatisfactory performances

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#### School bus hit on road

A school bus carrying elementary students from the Ikego and Negishi housing areas to Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, was struck from behind by a motorist on Route 16 early Friday, officials said.

There were no serious inju-ries, and the bus continued to The Sullivans Elementary School after the accident, said Hanako Tomizuka, a Yokosuka Naval Base spokeswoman. But later in the day, a boy who was traveling on the bus during the accident visited the school nurse and was sent to the emergency room at U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka as a precaution. He was treated for a slight neck strain and released.

The accident occurred just after 7 a.m. on the Otaki-cho, a stretch of Route 16 near Vokosuka. Tomizuka said. The school bus was stopped at a red light when the driver of a trailing car ran into it from be-

Japanese police were un-able to comment on the case Friday night.

## Sasebo practices oil spill response

BY GREG TYLER Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan —An emergency caused by a rup-tured fuel line at Akasaki Fuel Terminal was the scenario here Friday morning as a number of base departments participated in the Sasebo Naval Base/Fleet Industrial Supply Center Joint Fuel Spill Exercise, designed to gauge how quickly and efficiently they could respond to such an acci-

"It was just outstanding," said exercise coordinator Lt. Jacquelyn German, a fuel intern with the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Sasebo Detachment. "The whole purpose of an exercise like this is to learn. The consensus of everyone attending the after-action meeting was that they were happy with the results. They all learned from the exercise and are looking forward to

"Tabletop" sessions were held in November with personnel from FISC, the base medical clinic, fire department, safety division, port operations, and environmental and security departments, German said.

"That's when we outlined a template to follow if indeed a fuel spill should occur," she said. "On shore they rarely do, but it is possible, and you want to be pre-

German said the participants created a realistic scenario at



Port Operations employees use water to contain a simulated oil spill Friday at Japan's Akasaki Fuel Terminal at Sasebo Naval Base during a Sasebo Naval Base/Fleet Industrial Supply Center Joint Fuel Spill Exercise.

"Basically, we have mostly MLCs (Japanese employees) out here at Akasaki, and they are the ones who would actually be working to contain and clean the spill with the U.S. personnel supervis-ing the operation. So a major part of what we were looking at was the seamlessness of our communications between the departments and personnel who would have to provide assistance," she

At least one participant portrayed an injured person needing medical care, which involved communicating that the person had to be removed from the scene and transported to a treatment location

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Fussa Gate

At Fussa Gate: Left on 16 to light. Turn right. Take next left. Church on left.

Term Gate

# **VA ups cap on home loans**

BY LEO SHANE III Stars and Strines

WASHINGTON - Current and former military personnel will be able to buy more expensive homes this year, thanks to changes in limits placed on no-down-payment loans offered through the Department of Veterans Af-

Guidelines approved by Congress in November have upped the maximum amount veterans can borrow for home loans to \$359,700, nearly 50 percent more than last year's \$240,000 loan ceil-

ing.
Keith Pedigo, director of the department's loan guaranty service, said officials had been pushing for the change because of the rising price of homes in major metropolitan areas such as San Diego, Washington and New York.

"The \$240,000, while it was sufficient in most areas, wasn't nearly enough in some of those highcost areas," he said. "Now our veterans will always be on par with other, conventional loans. It makes them very competitive in the market.

VA-guaranteed home loans are available to most veterans and servicemembers, including reservists. The program allows the department to provide a financial guarantee to lenders on the military buyers' behalf, which in turn allows the mortgage company to offer lower interest rates on the loan even without a down pay-

In the past, Congress revisited the loan ceilings periodically to adjust for housing price increes, Pedigo said. But the latest

change allows the program to increase the loan amount automatically based on the current conventional loan limits set by federal loan backers.

That figure readjusts annually, Pedigo said, and takes into account regional spikes in housing prices. He expects the larger loan amount will let many servicemembers purchase new homes they previously could not afford.

"It's too soon for the word to have gotten out about the changes, so we haven't seen an increase in loans yet," Pedigo said. "But I think that will start happening in the coming weeks, especially in the major metropolitan areas where we've seen prices increase the most."

For more information: www.homeloans.va.gov E-mail Leo Shane at: shanel@stripes.osd.mil

#### Perry pupils fold feelings into paper



Taeko Curtin assists Matthew C. Perry Elementary School fifth-graders Destiny Chambers, left, and Reid Timms on Friday as they make paper cranes. Curtin is coordinating a senbazuru for Perry second-grade teacher Arlene Berg, who is ill and receiving treatment at the Mavo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. For a senbazuru, 1,000 small paper cranes are folded with a prayer wishing for the quick recovery of an ill person.

## **MILITARY UPDATE**

### First Command investors must meet criteria for restitution

n estimated 13,000 military inves-tors who bought and later terminated a "Systematic Investment Plan" marketed by First Command Financial Planning Inc. of Fort Worth, Texas, are due restitution payments in the coming weeks that likely will average a little over \$300.

Letters of explanation are being mailed to a list of qualified former First Command investors at last known addresses. An enclosed verification form must be signed and returned, said lawyer Wayne Secore, an independent consultant hired to distribute a total of \$4 million to eligible former investors

The payments are part of a \$12 million settlement First Command reached with the Securities and Exchange Commission and National Association of Securities Dealers, the private-sector regulator of the securities industry, after the agency found that the company had mislead investors. The remaining \$8 million is to be used for investor education programs for servicemembers and families, the population to which itary people, mostly officers and midgrade First Command has sold systematic plans

Only a fraction of former First Command investors are eligible for restitution. They must meet all of the following crite-

■ Purchased a Systematic Investment Plan on or after Jan. 1. 1999.

■ Terminated the plan, in writing, on or before Dec. 15, 2004, the date the SEC settlement

Paid an effective sales charge greater than 5 percent, which presumably SEC views as reasonable for some high-er-priced load funds.

Payments to individuals will vary. They are to get back any sales charge they paid that exceeded an effective rate of 5 percent, plus interest.

Year 1999 is significant because the SEC found that "at least" from that year forward. First Command used a "structured sales process" that included "misleading statements and omissions" to persuade milor senior enlisted, to invest in systematic plans.

These plans, which the company stopped selling last December, allowed investors to buy mutual-fund shares indirectly by making fixed monthly contributions, from \$100 to \$500, over at least 15 years.

The plans impose a unique sales charge. or load, set at 50 percent of the first 12 payments, and no charges thereafter. If the investor makes the required 180 payments, the effective charge falls to 3.3 percent. But the SEC said most systematic investors pay substantially higher sales rates than are customary, even for load mutual funds. That's because, based on First Command's own data, only 43 percent of investors make the required 180 payments.

The SEC quoted from company sales scripts that said no-load mutual funds, which generally are popular, "frequently have some of the highest long-term costs' and are intended primarily for "speculative" investors.

"In reality," said the SEC, "the average long-term costs of owning no-load funds substantially lower than the costs of owning load funds, and many long-term investors invest in no-load funds."

First Command, a registered bro-ker-dealer, has offices near most military bases including overseas. It claims to be biggest provider of financial plans to the military with more than 297,000 "military families" as customers. That includes 40 percent of current star-rank officers, one-third of all commissioned officers and 16 percent of non-commissioned officers Almost all of First Command's 1,000 agents are former officers or NCOs.

Former investors who believe they qualify for restitution but have not received a letter can contact Secore. His e-mail is: secore@secorewaller.com His mailing address is: Wayne M. Secore, P.C. Secore & Waller, L.L.P., Three Forest Plaza, 12221 Merit Drive, Suite 1100, Dallas, TX 75251. To comment, write Military Update, P.O. Box 231111, Centreville, VA 20120-1111, e-mail milup-date@aol.com or visit www.militaryupdate.com

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# Car bomb at mosque hits Shiites during big holiday

#### At least 21 dead, dozens hurt as Shiites targeted

BY BASSEM MROUE

BAGHDAD — A car bomb exploded Friday outside a Shite mosque where worshippers were celebrating a major Muslim holiday, killing at least 14 people and wounding 40, police and hospital officials said — the latest violence ahead of this month's elections.

The car blew up outside the al-Taf mosque in southwestern Baghdad, where Shiites were celebrating one of Islam's most important holidays, Eid al-Adha, or Feast of Sacrifice. The feast coincides with the yearly pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

Attacks on Shiftes have increased before the Jan 30 partiamentary and provincial elections. Friday's blast was the second outside a Shifte mosque in the capital this week and it came a day after a chief terror leader in Iraq. Abu Musab al-Zarqavi, berated Shiftes in an Internet andio recording that appeared and sowing division in the Iraq's Shiftes—a community Iraq's Shiftes—a

Iraq's Shiites — a community that was oppressed for decades —strongly supports the vote, believing it will propel them to a position of influence equal to their standing as the country's majority group. They make up an estimated 60 percent of Iraq's 26 million people. But militants among the Sunni

But mutants among the Sunmi Arab minority—which lost privilege when their patron Saddam Hussein was toppled — have 
vowed to stop the election. Some 
Sunni clerics and politicians 
have called for a boycott, saying 
violence in Sunmi areas will keep 
people from the polls and skew 
the outcome of the balloting 
against them.

In a new Internet audio recording, a speaker purported to be al-Zarqawi, Iraq's most feared terror leader, denounced Iraqi Shiites for fighting alongside U.S. troops and asked Iraqis to prepare for a long war against the Americans.

Al-Zarqawi, the Jordanian-born leader of Iraq's al-Qaida affiliate, ridiculed Iraq's most

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## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Pres

As of Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005, at least 1,368 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,073 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said.

The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is four higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The British military has reported 76 deaths; Italy, 19; Po-land, 16; Ukraine, 16; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Latvia and Kazakhstan one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major

combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,230 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 964 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ No deaths reported.

The latest identifications reported by military:

■ Army Pfc. Jesus Fonseca, 19, Marietta, Ga.; killed Monday when a vehicle-borne explosive detonated in Ramadi, Iraq; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, South Korea

■ Army Capt. Christopher J. Sullivan, 29, Princeton, Mass; killed Tuesday when an explosive detonated near his vehicle in Baghdad, assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

prominent Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, and berated Shiites for fighting against their Sunni countrymen in the U.S.-led assault on Fallujah in November.

"They broke into the safe houses of God," the speaker said of Shittes. "They defiled them and they hung the photos of their Satan, al-Sistani, on the walls and they spitefully wrote: Today, your land; tomorrow it will be your honor."

The authenticity of the tape could not be verified.

An official at Baghdad's Yarmouk Hospital said the car bomb at the mosque killed at least 14 people and wounded 40 others. It exploded as worshippers were leaving prayers in the building, a witness said, leaving several cars in flames and showering the area with charred debris.

Dozens of weeping men and women frantically searched the hospital for news about loved ones feared caught up in the bombing.

A distraught man sat beside his dead 14-year-old son, covered with a sheet, and cried out, "I had breakfast with him this morning. I told him, 'Let's go to your grandfather,' but he insisted on going for prayers first."

A woman dressed in a black cloak, or abaya, fainted as she identified the body of her son in the hospital's morgue and was U.S. soldiers and the Iraqi police secure the area following a car bomb explosion in front of a Shilte mosque in Baghdad on Friday. The blast came as worshippers were celebrating a major Muslim holiday, killing at least 21 people and wounding dozens, police and hospital officials said.

carried away by relatives.

During Friday prayers at Baghdad's Um al-Quraa mosque, a

dad's Um al-Quraa mosque, a prominent Sunni cleric issued a fresh call for putting off the elections until the country is more secure and free of its foreign occupiers.

"How does the government

call for holding elections at a time when it cannot protect places of worship in the country?" Sheikh Mahmoud al-Sumaidei said. "It is important to have a coun-

"It is important to have a co

try free from occupation forces before holding elections. Then the elections will become an Iraqi demand rather than a foreign demand and at that point we can choose our leaders," he said.

In the 90-minute message from al-Zarqawi, which was posted on the Web Thursday, the insurgent leader called on his followers to show patience and prepare for a long struggle against the Americans, promising that "ferocious wars ... take their time" but victory was assured.



# Weaponized robots to join fight in Iraq

BY MICHAEL P. REGAN

The Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, N.J. —
The Army is preparing to send
18 remote-controlled robotic warriors to fight in Iraq beginning in
March or April.

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tractors such as Lockheed Martin and General Dynamics Corp. Military officials compare the roughly three-foot-high robots favorably to human soldiers: They don't need to be trained, fed or clothed. They can be boxed up and warehoused between wars. They never complain. And there are no letters to write home if they meet their demise in battle.

A SWORDS robot shoots only when its human operator presses a button after identifying a target on video shot by the robot's cameras. "The only difference is that his weapon is not at his shoulder, it's up to half a mile away," said Bob Quinn, general manager of Talon robots for Foster-Miller Inc., the Waltham, Mass, compa

Quinn said it was a "bootstrap development process" to convert a Talon robot, which has been in military service since 2000, from its main mission — defusing roadside bombs in Iraq— into the gunslinging SWORDS.

Army officials and employees of the robotics firm heard from soldiers "who said 'My brothers are being killed out here. We love the EOD (explosive ordnance disposal), but let's put some weapons on it," said Quinn.

Working with soldiers and engineers at Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey, it took just six months and only about \$2 million in development money to outfit a Talon with weapons, according to Quinn and Anthony Sebasto, a technology manager at Picatinny.

The Talon already had proven itself to be pretty rugged. One was blown off the roof of a Humvee and into a nearby river by a roadside bomb in Iraq. Soldiers simply opened its shrap-nel-pocked control unit and drove the robot out of the river, according to Quinn.

The \$200,000, armed version will carry standard-issue Squad Automatic Weapons, either the M249, which fires 5.56-millimeter rounds at a rate of 750 per minute, or the M240, which can fire about 700 to 1,000 7.62-millimeter rounds per minute. Its optics include four cameras, night vision and zoom lenses.

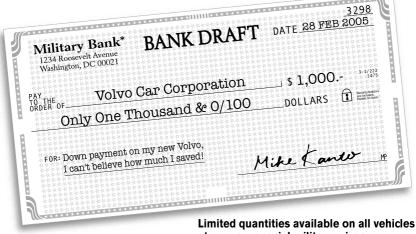
Running on lithium ion batteries, it can operate for 1 to 4 hours at a time. Operators work the robot using a 30-pound control unit which has two joysticks, a handful of buttons and a video screen. The Army has been testing it over the past year af Picatinny and the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland to ensure it work to the past year afformation and the formation and can stand of the province of the province of the past year.



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#### IN THE WORLD

## **Cheney: Iran at 'top of** the list' of trouble spots

By GEORGE GEDDA The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush refuses to rule out war with Iran. Iranian President Mohammad Khatami says his country is ready to defend itself against a U.S.

The United States is pushing for a peaceful solution to its nuclear impasse with Iran but, with mistrust on both sides running high, encouraging signs are hard to

"You look around the world at potential trouble spots. Iran is right at the top of the list," Vice President Dick Cheney said Thursday in a radio interview, hours before he and Bush were sworn in to a sec-

ond term. Asked hypothetically whether the United States would yield to Israel in a scenario in which an attack against Tehran was being considered, he said, "One of the concerns people have is that Israel might do it without being asked, that if in fact the Israelis became convinced the Iranians had a significant nuclear capability, given the fact that Iran has a stated policy that their objective is the destruction of the state of Israel, that the Israelis might well decide to act first and let the rest of the world worry about cleaning up the diplomatic mess afterward."

"We don't want a war in the Middle East if we can avoid it," Cheney quickly added "and certainly, in the case of the Iranian situation, I think everybody would best suited by, and or best treated or dealt with, if we

could deal with it diplomatically On Monday, Bush reaffirmed his sup-port for a diplomatic settlement of Iran's

nuclear program but said, "I will never take any option off the table." Perhaps the most pessimistic comment of all this week came from Democratic Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware.

"There may be nothing we can do to persuade Iran not to develop weapons of mass destruction," Biden said during a Senate Foreign Relations Committee confirmation hearing for Secretary of State-designate Condoleezza Rice

Both Rice and Cheney made clear that the nuclear diplomacy the United States has been pursuing in the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency will continue.

They said the administration could raise

the stakes with Iran by referring the nuclear question to the U.N. Security Council if Iran does not abide by its nonproliferation commitments

The administration has been hopeful that a nonproliferation initiative being carried out with Iran by Germany, France and Britain will produce results.

But the administration is skeptical that



Iran is bargaining in good faith. For its part, Iran says its nuclear program is aimed at producing energy, not weapons. Rice said U.S. differences with Iran go

well beyond its nuclear program. "It's really hard to find common ground with a government that thinks Israel should be extinguished," she told senators. 'It's difficult to find common ground with a government that is supporting Hezbollah and terrorist organizations that are deter-mined to undermine the Middle East peace that we seek."

Beyond that, Rice listed Iran among six outposts of tyranny

Khatami, traveling Thursday in Africa, seemed unconcerned about the conse-quences of a possible U.S. attack.

"We have prepared ourselves," he said. He added that he did not anticipate any "lunatic" military move by the United States because Washington has too many problems in Iraq

## Yushchenko prepares for swearing-in

The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine - Organizers of the tent KIEV, Ukraine — Organizers of the tent camp in downtown Kiev that became an en-during symbol of the "Orange Revolution" began dismantling it Friday ahead of Viktor Yushchenko's inauguration as president.

"By tonight, all the tents will be taken away," said Alexei Lomtev, the head of the camp's security operation. "We didn't want to interfere with the inauguration."

Yushchenko supporters put up the tent

camp within hours of the Nov. 21 election in which the Western-leaning reformer was declared the loser — and at the hight of protests, thousands packed the site, decked out in Yushchenko's campaign color, orange, and demanding the results be overturned.

The Supreme Court later did so, ruling the election was tainted by massive fraud, and Yushchenko won the Dec. 26 rerun.

He is to be inaugurated Sunday.

The scheduling of the inauguration was finalized only on Thursday, after Yushchen-ko cleared a Supreme Court challenge filed by his opponent, Viktor Yanukovych. Ukrainian officials were putting together the ceremony on short notice, with delega-

tions from at least 33 countries. Among those expected to attend are outgoing Secre-tary of State Colin Powell, NATO Secre-tary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer and Polish President Alexander Kwasniewski.

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Visitors walk in the former Nazi death camp Auschwitz in Oswiecim, southern Poland. An estimated 600,000 people visit the camp each year to learn or to grieve, and many move about quietly in a spirit of reverence.



Belongings of prisoners of the former Nazi death camp Auschwitz are presented in a museum. Many will mark the 60th anniversary of the camp's liberation by Soviet troops Thursday. The site is a cemetery of 1.5 million souls.



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Visitors look at the crematorium in the Nazi death camp Auschwitz in Oswiecim, southern Poland. Vice President Dick Cheney will visit for the anniversary ceremony.

# Auschwitz nears 60th anniversary of liberation

BY VANESSA GERA The Associated Press

OSWIECIM, Poland — At first he red-brick barracks look almost respectable, numbered like normal houses along tree-lined paths. But then the gas chamber reveals itself through the wintry fog, and the death wall where prisoners were stripped and shot, and the soil and ponds still full of teeth and crumbled bones from incinerated corpses.

The death factory where the Nazis murdered 1.5 million people went idle 60 years ago Thursday, but Auschwitz, ground zero of human savagery, still has the power to stun its visitors into silence.

"For me, this is a grave, not a museum," said Shalom Gross, a 57-year-old Israeli who lost more than 80 relatives to the Holocaust on his mother's side alone. He held three Hebrew holy books. "I have come here to pray," he said.

Auschwitz today is many things at once: an emblem of evil, a site of historical remembrance, a vast cemetery. With its neighbor Birkenau and the town of Oswiecim — the Polish name of Auschwitz — it is also a place where life goes on, where people go to work, shop for groceries and try to make a living in a depressed coal-mining region where unemployment runs to 19 percent.

Some of the barracks serve as offices for the scholars and administrators at the memorial site, who walk past the gas chamber and barbed wire as they go to and from work. A room once occupied by an SS guard is eerily preserved, down to the photo of Adolf Hitler on the wall.

"It is strange to work here, where we don't have contact with beauty," said Franciszek Piper, the head of the museum's historical research department, whose spare office is on the second floor of Block 23. "But if people in Popless where people were killed, persecuted, where the soil is soaked with the blood of those killed by the Nazis, then everyone would have to leave Poland."

The 60th anniversary carries special weight, because very few survivors are likely to be alive for the 70th. Vice President Dick Cheney will attend Thursday's ceremony at Auschwitz along with Presidents Vladimir Putin of Russia and Jacques Chirac of

France and others. President Bush visited Auschwitz in 2003. An estimated 600,000 people

An estimated 600,000 people visit the camp each year to learn or to grieve or to reflect on the past. Most move about in quiet reverence, yet even here, there's occasional levity — smiling tour-ists posing under the infamous main gate with its cynical slogan makes you free), or a group of visitors laughing as they line up to see the documentary about mass each of the commentary and the commentary about mass each of the commentary about mass eac

Poland's chief rabbi, Michael Schudrich, says he often has seen such behavior at Auschwitz

"It's exactly the people who are smiling that you want there," he said. "While it's disconcerting to see, the experience will play back

in their heads — two months or two years later — and have an effect."

More than 90 percent of the victims from 1940 until the Soviet Army liberated the camp on Jan. 27, 1945, were Jews, and the rest were Gypsies, Polish political opponents, Soviet POWs, Catholics and homosexuals. They died in gas chambers, from starvation, medical experiments, disease or forced labor.

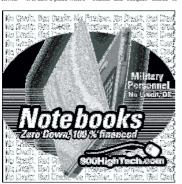
Auschwitz is in fact not one camp, but two: Auschwitz I, built in an abandoned Polish military base, and Auschwitz II, or Birkenau, a much bigger complex that went up later about two miles away to expedite the Nazis' Final Solution.

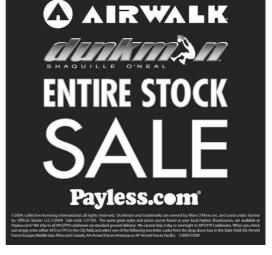
It is Birkenau that shocks more

profoundly, a flat, vast space still ringed by the silver brich trees (briken in German) that gave the place its name. Crementoria lie in rubble as a reminder of the Nazis' effort to hide their crimes as their decent bound. Still intact are the creating of the control of the control of the creating of the cramped cattle cars were hauled into the camp and selected for slave labor, experiments, or death

"I cannot comprehend the cruelty, how our parents and grandparents could have gone along with this," said Jochen Schuk.

"Or even today how people can still cling to ideologies of hatred." Auschwitz is held up as a moral lesson in the fight against racism and anti-Semitism, but it also has become a potent symbol for those seeking other meanings.







Members of Cuba's Voluminous Dance group rehe earse for an upcoming performance in Havana on Jan. 11. From left foreground: Xiomara Nidia Gonzalez. 41: Kenia Caceres. 23: and Barbara Paula Valdes. 27.

## Elegant and overweight

#### Cuban dancers delight audiences and defeat stereotypes

BY ANNE-MARIE GARCIA The Associated Press

HAVANA - Cuban ballet dance ers in white glide across the floor, executing an airy blend of pirouettes and back stretches.

Within seconds, spectators are captivated, quickly forgetting what at first they couldn't overlook - most of the dancers weigh more than 200 pounds.

Six dancers between the ages of 23 and 41 make up the island's Voluminous Dance group, which has presented about 20 works and is preparing its current show. "Una muerte dulce," or "A Sweet Death," for the spring.

"It's incredible how they utilize their roundness," Mirta Castro, a tourist from Costa Rica, said as she watched the dancers rehears. ing in Havana. "It breaks free of the belief that dance is only for slender neonle.'

That is exactly the taboo Juan

Miguel Mas, the group's director, wanted to shatter when he creat ed Voluminous Dance in 1996. He called together dozens of overweight people in Havana to a formal dance audition where he looked for inner spark, eagerness and motivation.

"We obese people also need to express ourselves with our bodies," said Mas, who is also a dancer in the group, "We feel four bodies], we command them and we enjoy them just like any other human being

Mas, who weighs more than 300 pounds, first appeared on stage with Cuba's Contemporary Dance troupe as a giant baby in the lead role of a 1989 production called "Absurdo," or "Absurd." He is the only member of Voluminous Dance, or Danza Voluminosa, who danced professionally before the group's creation.

Dancers in the group have come and gone over the years, Mas said. Money is scarce, and as an independent project, the group often scrambles to find rehearsal space and generate interest in their performances

The group is not officially recognized by Cuba's cultural ministry, so none of the dancers receive full salaries from the socialist state; instead, they earn some

money for each contract. Mas said he thinks the reason there's been no formal endorse ment for the group is that most of the dancers have not received dance training from the state.

"We desperately need sup-port," said Mas, who added the group is the only one of its kind in Cuba and, he believes, in the re-

Barbara Paula Valdes, 27, said she feels transformed after two years with Voluminous Dance. "I changed how I walk, how I

talk, the way I relate to people, said Valdes, who weighs 275 pounds. "I had an artist hidden inside me and didn't realize it.

# Wife of activist held by China allowed to visit

#### Beijing OKs 1-hour reunion 2 years after pro-democracy advocate jailed

BY AUDRA ANG The Associated Press

BEIJING - The wife of a Boston-based democracy activist jailed in China said on Thursday she plans to seek medical parole for her husband after seeing him for the first time since he was detained in 2002.

Yang Jianli, who has served more than half of a five-year prison term on charges of spying for Taiwan and ille-

gal entry into the country, became eligible for pa-role Oct. 26. But Chinese officials have rejected anpeals by American lawmakers and State Department officials for his release, saying his sentence

conforms with Chinese law. "I was so sad because he had lost so much weight. He looked much older," Christina Fu said by telephone from Bos ton after returning from Beijing, pro-democracy activist Your !!--

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she said.

pro-democracy activist Yang Jianli, where she saw above, said Thursday she plans to Yang for less seek medical parole for Yang after than an hour last seeing him for the first time since he was detained in 2002 "He had black rings under his

eyes, his face had no color. He really looked, to me, not healthy, she said. Yang, who runs a foundation that advocates democratic change in China, was meeting Chinese dissidents and

laid-off workers when he was detained in 2002 After being held at several detention centers. Yang was moved to the Beijing No. 2 prison in December and family visits finally

were allowed, Fu said. Yang, 41, suffered a stroke last year, but didn't know it until a doc-tor discovered that the left side of his body wasn't functioning normally during a routine checkup,

What really worried me was when he told me he hadn't known that he had had a stroke," Fu said. "For someone at his age, if it happens again, it could be very seri-

Fu's brief meeting with Yang took place Monday in a small room in the prison, where hushand and wife were made to sit on opposite ends of the room with a table separating them after they hugged each other.

The couple's 9-year-old son, Aaron, Yang's brother, and two guards were also in the room, Fu said. One guard took notes and forbade them to speak in English.

"I had imagined that he would be very excited to see Aaron, but he was very sad," she said. talked in a very low voice, he didn't smile. The whole time he looked so heavy-hearted. It was not a happy reunion." Fu said

Aaron cried the whole time he was with

"Our view is that this case needs to final ly be re-solved," said Jared Genser, the family's lawyer. "Yang Jianli been for 1,000 days now held in detention His health is a serious probwe worried are about his wel-

fare. The spying charges against Yang apparently

stem four \$100 grants to student research ers by a group

that he founded in 1992 while at tending the University of California-Berkeley.

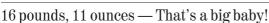
Chinese prosecutors alleged the grants by the China Youth Development Foundation were funded by someone in the Taiwanese government but no evidence was given in court.

Yang's family denies the spy-ing accusations but acknowledges he was traveling in China with a friend's identity card, which made his entry into the country illegal. They say he was forced to do so because he was banned from China after participating in the 1989 pro-democracy protests in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

Fu said her husband told her he was warm and had enough food to eat. He spends most of his days doing light exercises and reading classic Chinese books. Yang now is able to receive

postcards Fu sends but is not allowed to write back. She hopes that will change soon so that they see him again.

"My visit was so short," Fu id. "I didn't have time to say a lot of what I wanted to say."



SAO PAULO, Brazil - A 38-year-old woman in northeastern Brazil has given birth to a son weighing more than 16 pounds, hospital officials said

Francisca Ramos dos Santos delivered 16 pound, 11-ounce Ademilton on Tuesday at the Albert Sabin Maternity Hospital in Salvador, 900 miles northeast of Sao Paulo, said hospital director Rita Leal

"It is the biggest baby ever born in the hospital's 12-year history and I think it could very well be one of the biggest ever born in this coun-Leal said in a telephone interview.

She said Caesarean section was performed and both mother and baby were doing well.

Leal said Santos was a diabetic and that "it is common for women with diabetes to give birth to large babies. The child was Santos' fifth and heaviest, Leal

said. Her four other children - now between 9 and 15 years old — ranged in weight from seven to 11 pounds at birth.

"She knew Ademilton would be a big baby, but not this big," Leal said. "She, her husband and the hospital staff were caught by surprise."



Ademilton, a 16.7 pound baby boy, was born Tuesday at the Albert Sabin Maternity Hospital in Salvador, 900 miles northeast of Sao Paulo, in the state of Bahia Francisca Ramos dos Santos, 38, gave birth to the healthy boy by Caesarean section.

#### **INAUGURATION**

# **President officially begins second term**

BY JENNIFER LOVEN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush set forth Friday on an ambitious second-term agenda of sparking democracy in the Middle East and reshaping state pension plans after wrapping up his inaugural with moments of prayer and reflection.

His Republican allies said they were eager to begin, as well, while Democrats vowed to resume their fight against "extreme" Republican policies.

Four days of celebrations surrounding Bush's inauguration culminated with a National Prayer Service on Friday, following a tradition set by the nation's first chief executive, George Washington.

The hourlong service, Bush's second visit to the church in two days, brought together 3,200 invited family, Cabinet members, top White House aides and others in the majestic Gothic-style sanctuary of the National Cathedral.

Instrumental and choral music filled the church and an interfaith



Former President George H. W. Bush, left, gives a thumbs up following a musical performance during the inaugural prayer service with, from second left, former first lady Barbara Bush, President Bush, first lady Laura Bush and Jenna Bush, daughter of the president, at Washington's National Cathedral on Friday.

lineup of Christian and Jewish clergy helped celebrate through prayer the events of the day before — Bush's swearing-in at the Capitol. The president, who did not speak, was met with anti-war and anti-abortion protesters on his route to and from the cathe-

Offering one prayer, the Rev

Billy Graham said he believed God had a hand in Bush's re-elec-

"Their next four years are hidden from us, but they are not hidden from you," said the 86-year-old evangelist, whom Bush credits with inspiring him to reaffirm his faith and give up drinking at age 40. "You know the challenges and opportunities they will face. Give them a clear mind, a warm heart, calmess in the midst of turmoil, reassurance in times of discouragement and your presence always."

On Thursday, the president was on the go all day, from an early-morning church appearance to the inaugural ceremony to watching the traditional parade down Pennsylvania Avenue to a late-night dash through nine black-tie inaugural balls. The only thing on the president's public schedule for the first day of his second term was the prayer service.

For the immediate future, Bush's list of most-pressing duties include naming someone to the powerful new post of director of national intelligence, watching the Jan. 30 elections in Iraq and mending still-frayed relations with Europe during his first overseas trip of his second term.

Senate Democrats are delaying confirmation of Condoleezza Rice as secretary of state. The inauguration, they said, was only a brief respite in their battle against the Republican majority.

Sen. Charles Schumer, chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, told supporters in a fund-raising e-mail that "when the inauguration bands stop playing and Congress comes back into session, we Democrats will be on guard and ready to fight against the Republicans' extreme policies once again."



A protester holds candles Thursday in Tokyo at a rally against President Bush ahead of his inauguration ceremony.

## Asian allies welcome Bush; N. Korea slams U.S. stance

By MARI YAMAGUCHI The Associated Press

TOKYO — America's Asian allies on Friday warmly welcomed President Bush's second term, though some in the region expressed concern that his inauguration speech pointed to a more aggressive foreign policy that could worsen global tensions.

Communist North Korea lambasted the United States in comments carried by its official KCNA news agency hours before the inauguration ceremony, saying it was a "wrecker of democracy as it ruthlessly infringes upon the sovereignty of other countries."

South Korean experts said Bush's speech hinted at a tougher stance against the isolated, totalitarian North, which is locked in an international standoff over its nuclear ambitions.

In his speech Thursday, Bush vowed not to shrink from "the great ob-

jective of ending tyranny" around the globe. Bush's secretary of state-designate, Condoleezza Rice, earlier this week said Iran, Zimbabwe and North Korea were "outposts of tyranny."

"The hidden message is that if North Korea doesn't resolve its nuclear problem, the United States is willing to attempt a toppling and changing leaderships in North Korea," said Park June-young, a political scientist at Seoul's Ewha Woman's University

Japan has high hopes for Bush's second term as the leader of "the world's largest and most influential nation in world," said Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirovuki Hosoda on Friday.

Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf sent the U.S. leader a congratulatory message and pledged continued support for Washington's anti-terror campaign, said the government's chief spokesman, Sheikh Rashid Ahmed.

## Parade-route police had hands full

BY SPENCER S. HSU, SARI HORWITZ AND DEL QUENTIN WILBER

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — At 11:15 a.m. Thursday, as President Bush waited in the U.S. Capitol for his swearing-in ceremony, the command center of the FBI's Washington field office was humming with activity.

There was no shortage of matters to investigate. Early in the day, a trucker in Ohio asked a fellow driver for directions to Washington so he could blow up a bridge. An abandomed Ryder truck turned up under Interstate 395 at South Capitol Street. A suspect dubbed the "Handshake Man," street has been described as the country at earlier inaugurations and graced the president, was arrested at the Capitol.

Åuthorities also looked into a man who threatneed to bring radioactive ceisum to the corner of 14th and H streets Northwest. They dealt with an unstable man who walked into Fort Myer, Va., vowing to cause a tsunami at the Key Bridge into Washington. And PBI agents handled reports of washington. And PBI agents handled reports of ed street in the country Thursday. Pennsylvania Avenue, site of the inaugural paradle.

"That is as secure a stretch of road as exists anywhere in the world today," said Michael Rolince, on-scene commander at the FBT's Command and Tactical Operations Center, where about 30 agents monitored video feeds, answered telephones and tracked incident reports on a giant computer screen.

In the end, massive anti-terrorism preparations for what federal authorities promised would be the most secure inauguration in U.S. history turned into an exercise in crowd control, an army of 13,000 federal, state and local law enforcement officers and military troops chased onty the properties of the properties of

do day in, day out," Rolinee said.
About 14 arrests throughout the day were made
by U.S. Capitol Police, U.S. Park Police, Federal
Protective Service officers and Metropolitan
(Washington) police. The arrests were mostly for
trespassing or clashing with law enforcement officers within a secure zone of more than 100 downtown blocks, authorities said. Those detained included four women characterized by Park Police. as anti-fur protesters, who disrobed in the January cold and crossed the parade route.

D.C. police said 10 officers were injured in incidents involving anti-war demonstrators and other protesters and that several were hospitalized. Among the general public, 33 people were taken to hospitals, mostly for exposure to the cold or for slip-and-fall injuries, and nearly 300 people were treated at 29 first-aid stations, according to a city

emergency official, Roderick Blair.
D.C. police estimated that as many as 150,000
people attended the parade, and Capitol Police
said 265,000 attended the swearing-in ceremony.
"Our scenarios and planning envisioned a nightmare, but today was kind of dreamy," Capitol Police Chief Terrance Gainer said.

The number of arrests and public disruptions exceeded those four years ago after Bush's disputed 2000 election victory. Police reported nine ar-

rests in 2001.

The biggest altercations occurred at 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest. At least with D.C. riot-control officers were injured in a melee with protesters jammed in behind a security fence. Demonstrators eventually knocked down a half-dozen metal barricades. Police doused the crowd with pepper spray, causing several to vomit and stagger.

Demonstrators threw snowballs, plastic water bottles and at least a half-dozen light fixtures pulled from street lamps. One officer was struck in the back by a part of a lamp; another was hit by a falling partition.

When Bush's motorcade passed, a piece of fruit, apparently an orange, struck his armored limousine, FBI agents said.

Near the Willard Hotel, at 14th and Pennsylvania, police confronted a group that lighted a bonfire of U.S. flags, fake coffins, cardboard and other items. At 13th Street Northwest, protesters set fire to bunting on the National League of Cities building.

"We took a hell of a beating," said D.C. Cmdr. Cathy Lanier, head of the D.C. police department's special operations division. She said officers were "very restrained," despite complaints from some demonstrators.

"We were getting hit with poles, sticks, barricades. We have broken bones and everything. We definitely had to fight to maintain our parade route," Lanier said.

#### **INAUGURATION**

# New Bush agenda is wildly ambitious

Analysis



President Bush takes the oath of office at the U.S. Capitol in Washington on Thursday.

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - In his brief but eloquent inaugural address, President Bush dedicated the balance of his time in office to the same sweeping goals he set forth at the start of his first term the worldwide realization of the ideals of freedom and democracy

Four years ago, speaking from the same Capitol steps to a nation which had barely elected him and an in-

ternational audience that barely knew him, he said, "Through much of the last century, America's faith in freedom and democracy was a rock in a raging sea. Now it is a seed upon the wind, taking root in

many nations On this cold, clear Jan. 20, as a president tested by war and terrorism and renewed in power, Bush pledged to seek "the greatest achievements in the history of freedom," the liberation of oppressed people everywhere and the

end of all tyrannies. If that seems a wildly ambitious agenda for a country whose citizens are increasingly discomfited by the unfin-ished effort to liberate one country —

Iraq — it is. But it reflects one essential truth we have learned about Bush: His faith that the quest for freedom is a universal truth, rooted in human nature and in-

He reached out to Lincoln for his language and his metaphors, paraphrasing one of the Great Emancipator's famous phrases and saving that "no one is fit to be a master and no one deserves to be a slave?

But in the sween of his ambitions to make the United States the driving force for democratization of the world,

he resembles no president as much as the idealistic Woodrow Wilson.

In interviews this month with Bush's White House associates,

I found near-universal rejection of the notion that second terms are fated to bring disappointment. When I cited the historians' litany of scandals and mishaps that befell Truman, Eisenhower, Johnson, Nixon, Reagan and Clinton after their second oath-taking, Karl Rove and others rejected any claim of inevitability

But it is Wilson — who saw his dream of permanent peace embodied in the League of Nations crushed brutally after he was re-elected in 1916 who might embody the cautionary message for Bush. You have to know that in chancelleries around the world, the imnlications of his speech are being carefully weighed today.

What was striking was that the international liberation cause Bush expounded at length subordinated not only his domestic agenda, but even the

The terrorist attacks that reshaped his first term were cited but once and immediately linked to their "deepest source," the fact that "whole regions of the world simmer in resentment" because their people are living under undemocratic rulers.

In effect, Bush put authoritarian regimes throughout the world on notice that human rights and civil liberties will determine their relationship with

This suggests a radical redefinition of U.S. policy toward Egypt and Saudi Arabia, for example. Gen. Pervez Musharraf in Pakistan and Vladimir Putin in Russia must recognize what that means. Even China, the emerging power in Asia, may be asked to show more respect for democracy and human rights. Without naming names, Bush said that America will place its bets on "democratic reformers" in such countries, because they "are the future leaders."

In his first term, Bush used military force to liberate Afghanistan and Iraq only after he decided that their regimes harbored direct threats to the United

He said that the quest for freedom "is not primarily the task of arms," but I think it would be a mistake not to believe him serious in saving it is a central purpose of his administration.

## Bushes delight supporters at lavish balls Norway gets

By JEFF WOODS Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON - President Bush and his wife Laura, dancing to the delight of partygoers, joined jubilant supporters Thursday night at lavish balls that canned the week's celebration of his second inauguration.

The first couple opened the evening at the Constitution Ball. entering the crowded hall to roars of enthusiasm. Then after a



President Bush's daughters Barbara, left, and Jenna attend The Freedom Ball during inauguration festivities on Thursday.

brief whirl around the stage to the strains of "I Could Have Danced All Night," they whisked away for a night of appearances around the capital.

There were eight other official inaugural balls with every state represented. On a cold. wintry evening, about 50,000 people attended the black-tie parties at Union Station, the National Building Museum, the Washington Hilton Hotel and the Washington Convention Center

"I love my wife," the president joked at the Constitution Ball.

"I'm looking forward to dancing with her maybe for the first time in four years . . . We're having the time of our lives.'

A trumpet fanfare from the U.S. Army band heralded the arrival of Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife, Lynne, at the Independence Ball, which was held for supporters from Teyas and his home state of Wyo.

'Laura Bush wore a silver-blue tulle gown, embroidered with bugle heads and outlined in Austrian crystals, designed by Oscar

Entertainment at the balls ranged from Reatlemania and the Will Gravitt Band to the Guy Lombardo and Tommy Dorsey orches-

The hardest-to-get ticket was to the Texas State Society's "Black Tie and Boots" soiree. That was held Wednesday, by tradition the evening before the rest of the offi-



President Bush and Army Spec. Jazmin Azcona, left, and U.S. Marine Corps Lance Corporal Richard Devon Hansen and first lady Laura Bush dance at the Commander in Chief's Ball in Washington on Thursday.

cial state halls. More than 12 000 celebrants dined on 20,000 enchiladas 21 000 quesadillas and 1,800 pounds of beef brisket, followed by dessert - small chocolate cowboy boots filled with fresh berries and crhme brulee.

Bush's supporters hoped to raise \$40 million to \$50 million to pay for his second inauguration. High-dollar donors gave up to \$250,000 each for tickets to the swearing-in ceremony, good seats for the inaugural parade and lunch or candlelight dinner with the president vice president and their spouses. The Commander-In-Chief Ball, which honored the military and their families, was free, but the other balls each cost \$150-a-ticket

Some critics had called for the festivities to be toned down at a time of war in Iraq and catastrophe in southern Asia, but Laura Bush last week defended the decision to spend so much

In a round-table interview with reporters, she called inaugurations "an important part of our

## confused by Bush 'salute'

The Associated Press

OSLO, Norway - A hand gesture by President Bush was lost in translation in Norway, where many viewers watching his inauguration thought it was a salute to the devil.

But in reality, it was just a sign of respect for the University of Texas Longhorns, whose fans are known to shout out "Hook 'em, horns!" at athletic events.

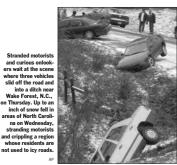
The president and family were photographed lifting their right hands with their index and pinky fingers raised up, much like a pair of horns, during Thursday's

In the Nordics, the hand gesture is popular among death metal groups and fans as a salute

"Shock greeting from Bush daughter," a headline in the Norwegian Internet newspaper Nettavisen said late Wednesday above a photograph of Bush's daughter, Jenna, smiling and showing the sign.

Bush, a former Texas governor, was simply greeting the Texas Longhorn marching band as it passed during the parade in the president's honor, explained Verdens Gang, Norway's largest newspaper.

Stranded motorists and curious onlookers wait at the scene where three vehicles slid off the road and into a ditch near Wake Forest, N.C., on Thursday. Up to an inch of snow fell in areas of North Carolina on Wednesday, stranding motorists and crippling a region whose residents are



## N.C. storm brings chaos, snowfall to capital city

The Associated Press

RALEIGH N.C - An inch of snow crippled North Carolina's capital and prompted plenty of finger-pointing as the city thawed from the surprise storm that caused epic gridlock and left 3,000 students stranded overnight.

A TV weatherman hung his head in shame before a local audience, calling his prediction of just a dusting "embarrassing." The governor accused local officials of putting him on hold when he called seeking to open shelters. And the mayor said the city's over-all poor response was due largely to the botched forecasts

"A forecast that had given a bet-ter indication of the likely prob-lem would have been very helpful." Mayor Charles Meeker said as temperatures and tempers

who emigrated from other parts of the country — couldn't believe the city was brought to its knees by just an inch of snow.

"I just don't think they're equipped to handle it," said Lori

When the dry snow hit already frigid streets at midday, it turned to ice just as schools and business es scrambled to close early. That sent thousands of cars onto the streets before road crews and salt trucks could treat them

Police handled more than 1.000 accidents none fatal and some people were caught in miles-long traffic jams that left them on the roads for more than eight hours. Buses were unable to take children home from school, stranding nearly 3,000 in their classrooms with their teachers overnight.



# **Boston boosts security**

BY SYLVIA LEE WINGFIELD

The Associated Press

BOSTON - Airport and transit authorities responded to an FBI report of a possible terrorist plot - adding paagainst Boston by boosting security trols, activating radiation detectors and posting pictures of some of the suspects.

FBI agents were looking into an uncorroborated tip that 16 people - 13 Chinese nationals, two Iraqis and one other person whose nationality was not released - might be planning an attack

The agency announced Wednesday that it was investigating four Chinese nationals, and a Transportation Security Administration official said later that a security briefing indicated the FBI also was looking for two Iraqis. The number jumped by 10 Thursday "as a result of the ongoing investigation" but did not signal that credible evidence about a plot had emerged, FBI spokesman Joe Parris said.

The 14th person was identified on the FBI's Web site as Jose Ernesto Beltran Quinones, but his nationality was not given.

"Information is still uncorroborated and from a source of unknown reliability and motive," Parris

Another federal law enforcement official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigation, said the tip was re-ceived by the California Highway Patrol. The tipster claimed the four Chinese — two men and two women — entered the United States from Mexico and were awaiting a shinment of "nuclear oxide"

that would follow them to Boston Several radioactive compounds take form as oxides and could be used in a dirty bomb, said Charles Ferguson science and technology fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington. Plutonium and americium oxides, in the right amounts, would be dangerous to human health, while uranium oxide would be less so, he said.

At Logan Airport, where two of the planes were hiiacked for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the tip was being taken seriously, according to Dennis Treece, director of corporate security. The most visible sign was more patrols.



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## 'Ghost units' spark Scout probe

## Feds focus on Ala. Boy Scouts for allegedly listing fake members

The Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - Boy Scout volunteer Tom Willis knew something was wrong when he saw that 20 kids on the list for a scouting program all had the same last name: Doe.

Willis, a former Eagle Scout who serves on the organization's board for the northeast Alabama area, said it appeared someone was listing fake members to increase enrollment, which could boost funding from agencies, make paid Boy Scout recruiters look better, or both.

"It was just so blatant. They didn't even try to make up names," said Willis, a dentist from Decatur.

Amid suspicions that such practices are widespread in the Greater Alabama Boy Scout Council, federal prosecutors have subpoe**44** Let me assure you that your executive committee considers these allegations to be very serious and is taking necessary and appropriate action.

> Randy Haines Greater Alabama Boy Scout Council board chairman

naed records and agents are investigating whether bogus boys and "ghost units" fill the rosters of Boy Scout groups throughout northeast Alabama, where the council operates.

The FBI refused comment on any review, but the council which claims it serves nearly 120,000 members and for 2002 reported revenues of \$6.5 million this month confirmed it was under investigation. In a message posted on its Web site, council board chairman Randy Haines said Scout officials were cooperat-

the organization has numerous policies meant to ensure that only real members and groups show "The national council is dedicat-

ing with federal law enforcement

and conducting an internal audit.

executive committee considers

these allegations to be very seri-

ous and is taking necessary and appropriate action," said the mes-

sage from Haines a hanking eyec-

An official at the Boy Scouts' na

tional office in Irving, Texas, said

"Let me assure you that your

ed to the accurate reporting of membership," said spokesman

Greg Shields longtime scout volunteer Larry Cox said he got used to seeing nanerwork from council headquarters in Birmingham that listed the names of youngsters who had dropped out of scouting or never been part of a unit to begin with. At an area meeting of adult volunteers last year, he said, virtually every unit present reported names being added to their rolls.

The problem, Cox said, is with "a few people at the conference office " not volunteers who are out leading activities such as camp ing trips, service projects and "Pinewood Derby" car races.

The idea that someone would overstate membership goes against what the Boy Scouts are supposed to be about he said.

"Being trustworthy and having integrity is one of the prime points of the Scouting oath.

## Murray surprises Va. town with pit stop

ROANOKE, Va. - Bill Murray posed with a bawling baby, vucked it up with a gravedigger and sinned bourbon with locals after the actor stopped to repair his Mercedes-Benz

Murray declined, however, to reveal the contents of his mysterious whisper to Scarlett Johansson at the end of the movie "Lost in Translation." Besides, he said, the speculation over what he said was likely more interesting

Murray found himself in this southwestern Virginia city on Wednesday after he tossed an apple core out the window of his black 2000 Mercedes and ran into curb, witnesses told The Roanoke Times.

Murray drove to the Roanoke Mercedes-Benz and Volvo dealership to have his alignment fixed and for other repairs.

He waited 20 minutes before he walked up to startled manager "Bill Murray," Webb said, try-

ing not to appear star-struck "What in the world are you doing here?

Technician Jay Jones fixed Murray's Mercedes and took up his offer of a drink. His wife didn't buy that.

"Yeah right," she said. "Just be home for dinner."

Gravedigger Caleb Rossi asked Murray to sign a bootleg copy of The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou" that he'd bought for \$4 during a trip to New York

"If you do this, this is in it for said Rossi, 25, displaying a 2000-01 Botetourt Chamber of Commerce plaque he'd snagged from the trash. Rossi got his auto-

No one seems to know for sure where Murray was headed. He told the locals he finds driving to be a stress reliever and that he prefers to travel at night and sleep during the day.



#### Ashtyn Webb, 14 months, doesn't find comedian Bill Murray all that funny as she poses with him for a photo at a local Roanoke, Va., restaurant on Wednesday. Murray stopped at a local Mercedes dealership to have repairs done on his car and go for dinner and drinks with the staff.

## Burger King turns to 'Apprentice' for new entree

By JOHN PAIN The Associated Press

MIAMI — Giving product placement a new twist, Burger King got its latest recipe from the mogul wannabes on "The Appren-

The burger being debuted in 7,800 restaurants nationwide Friday came straight out of Thursday night's episode of Donald Trump's reality TV show.

Thursday night's show was the premiere of the third "Apprentice" series, in which contestants compete for the chance to get a iob with the billionaire businessman.

The two teams each had to de sign a new Burger King product, with help from the chain's head They then had to sell it while

running two busy stores

midtown Manhattan during lunchtime The team with the most sales won.

Burger King Trump

fused to discuss financial terms of the promotion deal

The winning team, Networth, hawked a Western Angus steak

burger, loaded with cheese, barbecue sauce, onion rings, lettuce and tomatoes. (For those counting calories, that's about 700 big ones.) "It seemed like a perfect fit for us. ... Donald Trump is a bottom-line guy," said Russ Klein, Burger King Corp.'s chief marketing officer

The episode was taped months ago. But with the burger on sale Friday, he said, "It will feel like a product has come from the boardroom into the restaurant in 24 hours

Burger King is planning to run a 30-second commercial featuring Trump on NBC until the end of January, Klein said. The burg-

er should be in stores until Feb. 4. The buzz comes as the chain seems to be recovering from a rough patch. "I think it's a very smart mar-

keting move," said Jerry McVety, president of McVety & Associates, a Farmington Hills, Mich.based restaurant consultant, "It's a short, quick, targeted campaign. ... It's driven more by the

association with 'The Apprentice' and Trump than it is with this particular burger."

Privately held Burger King doesn't release exact sales figures, but sales at stores open at least a year have risen for 11 straight months through December, after sliding for nearly two vears before that.

#### CDC shifts guidelines

SAN FRANCISCO - Health professionals applauded the government's new recommendation that rape victims and occasional intravenous drug users get emergency drug treatment to prevent the AIDS virus, describing it as "progressive" and "a safety net.

The seismic shift in policy, announced Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. says a preventative regimen of drugs should be given to anyone exposed to HIV from rapes, accidents or isolated episodes of drug use or unsafe

The previous recommendation, made in 1996, had been only for health care workers accidentally exposed on the

#### Cosby investigated

LOS ANGELES - A female acquaintance of comedian Bill Cosby has made an allegation against him that has prompted a nolice investigation in Pennsylvania, the entertainer's attorney said Thursday.

Attorney Walter Phillips said he spoke Thursday with authorities in Pennsylvania who told him they have begun an investigation. He would not discuss the specifics of the allegation — which he called "ut-terly preposterous" — but said it amounts to, at the most, "inappropriate touching."

charges have been brought against Cosby. Phillips said the accuser, who lives in Canada, knows Cosby and the alleged incident in question happened about a year

#### Death penalty sought

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A woman accused of strangling an expectant mother and cutting the baby from her womb pleaded not guilty Thursday, and prosecutors said they are leaning toward seeking the death penalty.

Lisa Montgomery, 36, of Melvern, Kan., did not speak during the brief hearing before a federal magistrate, who appointed another lawver to her defense team after U.S. Attorney Todd Graves indicated he plans to seek a death sen-

#### Powell to leave FCC

WASHINGTON - Federal Communications Commission Chairman Michael K. Powell. who opposed tight regulation of telecommunications but backed unprecedented fines against broadcast indecency, an-

nounced Friday he is resigning. Powell, who has held the job for four years, said in a statement that he informed President Bush that he would depart in March.

Powell, the son of Secretary of State Colin Powell, said he had completed a "bold and ag-gressive agenda" and looked forward to spending more time with his wife and two

There was no immediate word on a successor.

From The Associated Press

## ow-carb crowd, full of other food choices, thins out.

BY DELROY ALEXANDER Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO - After watching a friend lose 80 pounds on the Atkins diet. Marge Heath rushed into the low-carb craze in the sum-

mer of 2003. She joined just after the number of Americans trying to slim down by eating few, if any, sweet and starchy foods hit its peak in February when 27 million Americans, or 9.1 percent of the populasaid they were watching their carbs

But Heath, 56, found the diet restrictive and specialized foods

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watched her friend slowly gain back weight, Heath switched to a more traditional approach espoused by Weight Watchers International with which she has lost 30 pounds

"It was quick weight loss using the low-carb plan, but it wasn't permanent weight loss. I felt deprived on it, and I had used Weight Watchers before so I knew it worked," said the mother of four from Montgomery, Ill.

Heath's path mirrors that of millions of others who left for other plans or simply returned to the comforts of bread and pota-

crossed, and missed, in its efforts to cash in on the low-carb craze.

In 2004, food companies increased the number of low-carb offerings more than fivefold — to 2,378 products — just as Heath and more than 16 million others anneared to have lost their annea tite for low-carb diets. In 2003, when low-carb dieting was at its peak, there were just 400 low-carb products on the shelves, according to Mintel International Group Inc.'s new product data-

Atkins Nutritionals Inc., the products company behind the popular diet of the same name,

field. Ill.-based Kraft Foods Inc. and Chicago's Sara Lee Corp. flooded the market with products, many of which failed to stick.

And they're still coming. This month Kraft expanded its line of cereal, meal-replacement bars. sandwich wraps, frozen entrees and pizzas for The South Beach Diet, which limits certain types of carbohydrates and fats.

The introduction was timed to coincide with shifts among low-carb dieters, said Dr. Arthur Agatston, creator of the South Reach diet

"Weight loss is not about low carbs or low fat, but the right carbs and the right fats," Agatston said. "I am encouraged that people appear to be shifting from strict low-carbohydrate diets to

more balanced approaches. Other low-carb products have been on the decline.

Even though the explosion of new products missed the height of the frenzy, it's too early to say carb-conscious products are dead on the shelves, said Harry Balzer. a Chicago-based food industry consultant with NPD Group.

"What we've seen is fewer neo ple want to be on a diet," chief marketing officer Matt Wiant, "But there are many more people who are willing to modify their eating patterns, and that's where our products fit."

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Envision Product Design has created an X-ray system to inspect sections of the wings on NASA's space shuttles, inspections that are crucial to getting the shuttle fleet back in the air. The Alaska-based design crew has also developed a portable X-ray inspection device that is currently being evaluated for use by the Navy.

## Alaska lab develops X-ray to help shuttle soar back into space

BY RICHARD RICHTMYER Anchorage Daily News

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - It started nine years ago with a rohotic crawler that slithered along the trans-Alaska pipeline shooting X-rays through the insulated surface in search of corrosion hidden on the steel pipe.

Today, Envision Product Design is turning out all kinds of X-ray inspection devices, designing and building them in its south Anchorage lab. It specializes in X-ray systems that provide digital images, as opposed to film, custom-built for specific commercial applications.

Its latest creation: a 3-D digital X-ray system to inspect leading-edge sections of space shuttle

NASA added such inspections to its shuttle protocols after the Columbia disaster in February

Accident investigators concluded that a chunk of foam per-forated the heat shielding on the leading edge of Columbia's left wing, leading to its destruction as it re-entered Earth's atmosphere

Envision which has 10 employees, built the inspection system Lockheed Martin, which makes the leading edge sections for the shuttles

"We just installed it at their Texas facility," said John Purs-ley, a local inventor and technology entrepreneur who founded Envision in 1993

The shuttle-wing inspection system provides high resolution, large format, 3-D X-ray images of each of the 44 sections of the wings' leading edge. Each section is placed on a bracket that rotates, and the X-ray system re

mensional digital reconstruction that shows the condition of the layers of material beneath the sur-

All the design, fabrication and assembly were done in Anchor-age, with support from local firms, Pursley said

Envision has grown from about \$150,000 in annual revenue to about \$2 million, and the shuttle-wing inspection system is just the latest in a long list of highly specialized X-ray inspection systems the company has developed,

Pursley said.
The Navy is evaluating a portable X-ray inspection device from well, said John Envision as Green, a civilian engineer with the Navy's strategic systems eval-uation department. The idea is to give sailors the ability to find problems without having to dismantle parts of the ship to visually inspect systems that might be in need of repair, Green said.

The lunchbox-sized, digital X-ray device Envision built replaced a bulkier, film-based system from Kodak that the Navy ini-

tially was evaluating.
"This gets rid of all the film, and they can hand carry it around the ship," Green said.



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# Sex, ski trips and reality TV

#### College recruiters using stunts to sway students

BY SCOTT BAUER The Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. - Forget course catalogs and colorful pamphlets.

Think sex, skiing and rock 'n' roll.

When it comes to recruiting students for college, admissions officials are turning to increasingly outlandish stunts to get the attention of high schoolers. Birthday cards, ski weekends and even reality TV shows are being used by colleges and universities to get an edge Personal contact with students is in Indiscrimi-

nate mass mailings are out.

"Everybody's trying to do something that isn't the mundane," said Dan Kunzman, vice president of admissions at Doane College in Crete in southeast Nebraska. The marketing efforts are being driven, in part,

by the standard issues — college rankings and in-volved parents. But schools also are struggling to fill seats and deal with declining enrollment

The result is a feeding frenzy among colleges and miversities to snare the best freshmen, said Bob Massa, vice president of enrollment at Dickinson College in Carlisle Pa

But not all of the gimmicks are received with open

After the University of Nebraska-Lincoln agreed to let Motley Crüe drummer Tommy Lee film his reality show, "Tommy Lee Goes to College," on cam-pus, some faculty members protested. Local domestic violence and family groups also expressed con cern that having the rock star representing the university may not be the best image to project. Lee spent about four months in jail after pleading no contest to kicking his then-wife, Pamela Anderson, in February 1998

The show is tentatively scheduled to air this sum-

At Doane College, school officials apologized after receiving complaints about recruiting postcards that showed a male student surrounded by women, encouraging students to "play the field

They were sent to about 13,500 prospective stu dents in California, where the number of high school graduates is on the rise.

The competition for students has picked up in the past decade or so. Massa said.

The most outlandish recruiting ploys are more likely to be hatched by schools in a highly competitive environment, or ones needing to increase enrollment, boost name recognition or advertise a change in mission, said Manuel Gomez, vice chancellor of student affairs at the University of California-Irv-

ine. All of this puts the student in the driver's seat.
"It's not a seller's market," said Massa, who has been involved with college admissions for 30 years. "It's a buyer's market.

Motley Crüe drummer Tommy Lee shoots a reality show at the the University of Nebraska on Oct. 16. When it comes to recruiting students for college, admissions officials are turning to more outlandish methods such as birthday cards, ski weekends and even reality TV shows.

Student recruitment is of particular concern in Nebraska, where demographic changes in coming years will result in fewer college-age people in the state. Enrollment at the University of Nebraska was down 2 percent in 2004, while it dropped nearly 4 percent at its flagship Lincoln campus for a 30-year low.

Meanwhile, high school graduates are expected to increase by more than 10 percent in such densely populated states as California, Florida and Arizona. "If I had the money I'd rather invite them all to a ski weekend," said Kunzman, Doane's admissions director

That's what Saint Vincent College, in Latrobe, Pa., is planning for potential students who have applied for admission.

Between snowboarding and skiing, students will be given information about financial aid, academic programs and life at the college.

Don Orlando, director of public relations for the college, doesn't try to hide the goal of the free weekend in February.

"It's obviously a marketing effort," he said With just 1.050 students, Centre College in Danville, Kv., also goes after high school upperclassmen

with a personal touch. Prospective students get birthday cards and phone calls from admission staff and sometimes

even the college president. "We look at this as a long courtship," said Carey

Thompson, dean of admission



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These ladies are strong contenders for the Oscar for Best Actress: From left, Hilary Swank, Imelda Staunton, Annette Bening, Catalina Sandino Moreno and Kate Winslet.

**Q**In your view, who'll be nominat-ded this Tuesday for the Oscar for Best Actress? — Kim Clark, South Bend, Ind.

AWe'd put Hilary Swank at the top of our list for her gutsy performance as a boxer in "Million Dollar Baby." Our other front- runners: Annette Bening as an aging actress in "Being Julia," Imelda Staunton as a '50s London abortionist in "Vera Drake," Kate Winslet as Jim Carrey's free-spirited girlfriend in "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" and Catalina Sandino Moreno as a drug "mule" in "Maria Full of Grace.

What led to David Bowie's emergency heart surgery last July?

And how is he doing now? — Jerry Mucha, Shenandoah, Pa. While on tour in Germany, the Awhile on tour in Germany tion for what he thought was a

pinched nerve. In fact, it was a blocked artery requiring angio-plasty. Bowie, 58, canceled his tour but hopes to work again this year. Meanwhile, he tells us, "reading is high on my list, so it's the comfy chair for me

QIs it true that Ted Koppel is retir-ing when his current "Nightline" contract expires next December? — R.K., Washington

At 64, Koppel tells us he has no plans to retire. But it's rumored that the ABC brass would like to retire "Nightline" - the show Koppel began 25 years ago — and re-place it with a higher-rated. late-night variety show to compete with NBC's Jay Leno and CBS' David Letterman

QA Chinese dinner is riding on this: I say Paul Newman origited the role of Brick in Tennessee Williams' "Cat on a Hot Tin on Broadway. My friend says it was Ben Gazzara. Who's right? - T. Butler, Houston

Ayou pour the duck sauce. Gaz-Zara, 74, starred on Broadway in 1955 but lost the role to Newman for the 1958 film. "It broke my heart," Gazzara writes in his new memoir, "In the Moment: My Life as an Actor. "What would happen to me now?" He needn't have worried: Gazzara has since appeared in 67 feature films.

Sharon Warren was great in "Ray" as the singer's washer-woman mom. Where did this talented newcomer come from? — Russ Baker, Denver

A From Alabama by way of Atlan-ta, where she was just starting a stage career when she crashed the "Ray" audition and won the "I was given 12 emotionally driven scenes with no time to pre

" says Warren, 27. "Fortupare. nately, I'm comfortable with just diving into the reality of the mo-ment." That reality now includes a role in "Glory Road," an upcoming sports flick. Could her life get any better? Says Warren: "I'd like a partner to share it with."

Ol don't get Ben Stiller. What's the secret of his success? — Frank Fleischer, Miami

Stiller, 39, is one of Holly-wood's shrewdest players. He chooses projects that appeal to his young core audience. He's also a multiple threat as an actor ("Meet the Fockers"), a writer and director ("Zoolander") and a producer ("DodgeBall" and "Starsky & Hutch") whose company just signed a three-year deal with DreamWorks to deliver at least one film a year. Of course, it didn't hurt that he inherited his parents' comic genes. The rewards? Ben is married to gor-geous actress Christine Taylor, 33, and is very rich.

QI'm bothered by actresses like Emily Procter on "CSI: Miami" who work a crime scene with long hair that would contaminate the evidence. Why do producers allow it? — Dalia Lemus, Orlando,

ABecause, on TV, catching mur-derers comes second to using females with long tresses, tight sweaters and low necklines to catch male viewers aged 18-49.

QABC's "Lost" recently featured a haunting song as the group split up. What was it? — Dolores Oliver, Waterbury, Conn.

AWillie Nelson's "Are You Sure?" Its lyrics — about being where you want to be — were a perfect fit for the survivors as they decided whether to stay on the beach or move inland. Incidentally, the popular series isn't only making tons of money for ABC; it's also making stars of Evangeline Lilly and Matthew

Whatever happened to Nelson Rockefeller's widow, Happy? — Mary L. Kitchen, Decatur, Ga. A Happy Rockefeller (born margaretta Fitler) is still going strong at 78. She entertains in her Happy Rockefeller (born Margsumptuous Fifth Avenue apartment and makes the social scene around New York. Happy attended Ronald Reagan's funeral last year at the National Cathedral in Washington.

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## Affleck faces reality on the small screen

BY DANIEL FIENBERG

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LOS ANGELES - "First of all I want to say that it's nice to be in a room that's just full of critics," observes a newly bearded Ben Affleck, addressing reporters at the semi-annual Television Critics Association press tour.

"That's sort of always been my dream. And you know what? You can hide it, but I feel the love. Crit-ics love me. Let's face it."

For a man with an Oscar on his shelf at home, Affleck has spent an awful lot of time defending himself in the past several years

For a man who has coped with strained personal relationships made - through some large fault of his own — embarrassingly public, bouts with a variety of substances and compulsive behaviors and a string of box office bombs that suggest the curse of a Tiki God more than a negligent agent, Affleck's surprisingly at ease with television critics.

He may be joking about how critics in general love him, but the boob-tube press has been remarkably generous to efforts as diverse as "Push, Neva-da" and "Project Greenlight," which begins its third season on Bravo in March (after spending its first two on HBO)

"You're all very nice," Affleck says with something that resembles sincerity. "It's those [expletives] who do the movie writing that I don't like. You guys are wonderful, wonderful people."

Affleck seems comfortable with television critics and critics in turn feel comfortable with Affleck because the "Gigli" star has been successful at under-

proportion to his bloated movie-star image

One of the things that keeps me coming back is that I'm able to do it as a writer and as a producer, without kind of putting myself out there, without having to be the face of it and that's really reward-

ing," Affleck explains.
"As a writer, you have more control in television. You write movies, and they just get swept away and somebody else works with them, whereas in television it's really interesting and you have a chance to foster other people's talents." The reality of the situa-tion is that Affleck's television endeavors haven't been that much more successful than "Surviving Christmas" or "Pavcheck."

Despite an intriguing interactive premise and a unique look, "Push" was cancelled well before it could develop a following.

While "Project Greenlight" made for compelling

television in its first two seasons on HBO, it has failed in its main goal - discovering new cinematic talent outside of the Hollywood meat factory.

This season, "Project Greenlight" will take a stab at new commercial viability, entrusting its winning director — eccentric lug John Gulager — with a gory splatter film, which will be distributed by Din, rather than stodgier parent Miramax

At its core, though, Affleck hopes that "Green light" will continue to provide television viewers with their fix of voyeurism. "So much of life now seems about being on TV and having your reality show," he says. He sighs, "And when they find out what it is, they're not sure if they really wanted it to begin with.'



Ren Affleck hoosts his heloved Roston Red Sox at the October premiere of his movie "Surviving Christmas." Affleck will soon return to reality TV, where he says he enjoys his behind-the-scenes role.

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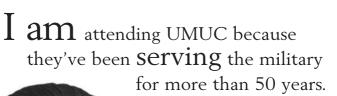
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#### Price changed, attitude stays?

Of the many letters that have been written by outraged customers in the Okinawa/Japan theater of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, what has surprised me the most was the fact that not only did our fuel costs rise beyond the national average, but that we were over-charged for our fuel for several days. We have yet to see an admission of the over charge, an apology for it and what AAFES intends to do about the profit it made from the overcharge.

On Jan. 3, my husband and I caught the overcharge of \$2.039 at 10:30 a.m.; we spent 30 minutes on the phone, at Torii Station, Okinawa, with the manager at the [Camp] Foster service station - he is in charge of the service stations. We overpaid 24 cents for our eight gallons of gasoline.

We then went to Foster, after being told he would have to research the price to see if we were correct, and bought the paper for the manager to prove to him that we were right and to get him to change the price on the pumps at 11:30 a.m. The prices were changed but still incorrect. He changed them to \$2.009. The prices stayed this way for two days before another person caught the error.

My question to AAFES is, what do you intend to do with these ill-gotten gains? Please do not defend these actions with your Morale, Welfare and Recreation campaign when those of us at Torii Station see very little of this donation and the tennis courts at Kadena Air Base are in the poorest possible condition a person could play on. Will AAFES punish the person who chose to ig nore the proper price increase? Will AAFES, at the least, apologize for the error? Tam Lipsie Torii Station, Okinawa

Treat all victims the same

#### Are the tsunami victims' families more important than those of fallen soldiers? Do the latter feel more intense pain, emptiness or anger at their loss? Of course not. For both surviving families, grief and mourning

are an all-encompassing, gut-wrenching, lead weight. Then why doesn't the State Department and the media treat military and civilian populations equally?

After informing the next of kin, the U.S. government readily releases the names of

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fallen soldiers regardless of the family's wishes; however, in the same light, they refuse to release the names of the American

These names are being withheld, according to State Department deputy spokesman Adam Ereli, because of "the privacy of the families," as cited on the MSNBC Web site.

Why isn't the media brandishing the Freedom of Information Act citing the public's "right to know" now? When a soldier dies, they don't care that their "vital dissemination of information" may hurt the fallen soldier's family, so why are these "right to know-ers" backing off? Deference?

A Google query, "casualty list from Iraq. vields numerous hits. The first hit is a CNN Web site where the fallen soldier's name age hometown unit and details of his death are given alongside the soldier's picture. Where is the media's concern for private family grieving there? Conversely, the Google query "casualty list from tsunami" yields, basically, nothing (except death tolls). Are these civilian families more deserving of privacy?

Obviously, the death of a soldier perform ing his or her sworn duty is inherently different from someone who, while vacationing, dies at the hand of a tragic event. But is one

surviving family's grief more important or more personal than another?

If we are all truly equal under the law, either release every victim's name in both instances - opening the door for blanket media exploitation - or allow each mourning family to grieve privately

Christina Boland Heidelberg, Germany

#### Thanks for doing your job

To U.S. military personnel serving in the Middle East: Thanks for just doing your job! The civilian shame I feel knowing so many of you are in harm's way while I enjoy freedom and security is relieved only by my conviction that the cost in lives would be much higher if you weren't engaged in this necessary "war of prevention."

When your forefathers liberated Europe and the Pacific, theirs became a "war of cure" because genocidal tyranny was allowed to establish itself and take the offensive. Such wars are not controversial be-cause the alternative is obvious, but they take an appalling toll in human life.

In Afghanistan and Iraq, you are fighting an asymmetric war: no clear battle lines, no large, identifiable body of enemy to defeat, and no tickertape victory parades. It is only asymmetric, however, because you are preventing the enemy from establishing (or re-establishing) a regional power base to wage war with weapons of mass destruction in the future - our future.

Today, we live in a postmodern world characterized by uncertainty and fragmented in its points of view on major issues. This makes you the postmodern warriors, fight-ing an asymmetrical war and coping with all the complexity, controversy and denial of closure that goes along with it. Nevertheless, in Afghanistan you defeated al-Qaida in its back yard and your presence there and in Iraq declares to the world that religious fascism and cutthroat tyranny shall not prevail.

In a postmodern war, the fruits of victory are not always obvious and just doing your job becomes an unsung act of heroism. Iraq, they say, had no weapons of mass destruc-tion. Incorrect! Saddam Hussein was a walking WMD whose clock was ticking. So, to all of you postmodern warriors out there, all honor and thanks to you for just doing your

> David Hanna Greenwood Australia



















#### OPINION

#### What newspapers are saving at home

The following editorial excerpts are se lected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other stateside syndicates

#### China can't hide Zhao's legacy Los Angeles Times

China well understands the danger of re-formers' funerals. In 1989, the death in April of disgraced former Communist Party chief Hu Yaobang propelled tens of thousands of supporters, angered at the government's treatment of Hu, into Beijing's Tiananmen Square. They protested party corruption and government nepotism. As weeks went by and the crowd grew, the demands came to include greater democracy. The protests ended with the declaration of martial law and the indelible image of tanks routing demonstrators as one young man in the square tried to stop them.

Zhao Ziyang, a former premier who in 1989 was the leader of the Communist Party, supported the protesters. Weeks be fore tanks and troops crushed the rebellion, Zhao went to Tiananmen to meet the demon strators, weepingly telling them, come too late, we've come too late." It was his last public appearance.

Monday, after nearly 16 years under house arrest, Zhao died. The government, afraid of stirring protests, censored foreign broadcasts of his death, ordered that the news be buried deep inside newspapers if printed at all and insisted again Tuesday that its actions in 1989 were correct. Police fanned preventively into Tiananmen Square.

Although he failed to persuade party leaders to match political reforms to economic advances, there has been progress in open ing local party committees to discussion and dissent. ... If the Chinese can mobilize na-scent grass-roots movements into a force that demands a say in government, Zhao will receive the honor he deserves

#### Allies will recall Iraq timeline Journal Star. Peoria, III.

Nearly two years into the war to rid Iraq of its alleged "weapons of mass destruc-tion," the Bush administration officially called off the search for them this month "Based on what we know today, the presi-dent would have taken the same action (to invade) because this is about protecting the American people," said White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan.

"Protect them from what?" would be a fair question, given that no such WMDs were found and that the president made those WMDs the primary justification for his deci-

sion to pre-emptively attack.

To be fair, Bush's predecessor also be lieved Iraq had WMDs, and Saddam Hus sein did a pretty good job of pretending, too. Beyond that, the American people have alidy issued their judgment. In November it didn't seem to matter much, at least to most voters, that there had been no satisfactory explanation for how a president could put so

many American lives at risk. ... Global opinion does matter, maybe not today or tomorrow, but someday when we're staring down another potential menace — perhaps one far more potent than Saddam and we ask for the world's help. What kind of "moral authority" will America have then? It's another fair question.

#### Scapegoat or not, Graner guilty The Watertown (N.Y) Daily Times

Spc. Charles Graner, the alleged ringlead-er of rogue guards at Abu Ghraib, has been convicted on all 10 counts under five charg es: assault, conspiracy, maltreatment of de-tainees, committing indecent acts and dereliction of duty. He was sentenced to 10 years in military prison by a jury of four Army of-ficers and six senior enlisted men.



Mr. Graner. 36. an Army reservist from Pennsylvania, will be dishonorably discharged after completing his sentence. He has been demoted and ordered to forfeit all pay and benefits.

maintained he was just The reservist . lowing orders. He said intelligence agents at the prison ordered the abuse of prisoners to make them easier to interrogate

So far, authorities have not uncovered a wider network of abuse or found evidence to validate Graner's explanation that he is being made a scapegoat. Four soldiers have pleaded guilty in the case. Two other guards are awaiting trial.

the offenders to justice shows Bringing the world that the United States does not tol-erate such misconduct. It is the right thing to do and the right message to send

#### 'Crossfire' done, thank you Chicago Tribune

incing the end of CNN's 22-year-old high-decibel political slugfest "Crossfire," CNN/US President Jonathan Klein said something quite unusual for a network television executive: He had listened to a critic

Klein told a Washington Post writer that he agreed with comedian Jon Stewart, who famously used a "Crossfire" appearance last fall to rip into the show for "partisan hack-

ery."
"I think he made a good point about the noise level of these types of shows, which does nothing to illuminate the issues of the ay," Klein said. ... Could this step

away from TV's shout-show abyss portend a healthy swing to ward politeness? One can only hope. ... In an ABC News survey, 85 percent of re-

spondents said that the world would be bet-ter if we said "please" and "thank you" more. Now, that would seem to be stating the . But there's no doubt we could stand to be more civil to one another May the demise of "Crossfire" mark the rise of something good.

#### Don't ignore Medicaid, Medicare The Miami Herald

President Bush lost no time in pushing Social Security reform to the top of his domestic agenda for the second term. Unfortunately, his priorities are off the mark, America's

em and the government's Medicaid and Medicare programs demand far more attention, and more urgently

Medicaid programs, which serve 52 mil-lion poor and disabled people, are being squeezed financially due to rising healthcare costs and increased rolls as more Americans fall into poverty. The Medicare trust fund, which covers major healthcare costs for 42 million seniors, is projected to become insolvent in 14 years.

Meanwhile, projections for Social Security's insolvency begin more than 20 years later, beyond 2040.

President Bush's campaign paints a picture of a Social Security system about to melt down. Yet the real crisis today involves the 45 million uninsured Americans, nearly 16 percent of the population, including some eight million children. ... Our priority should be to have every American covered Our priority by health insurance and control costs with preventive care.

#### Even this 'sacrifice fly' helps The Indianapolis Star

Under threat of government intervention, not to mention scorn from fans, Major League Baseball and its players' union finally stepped up to the plate and swung at a poli-cy dealing with steroid abuse.

It wasn't exactly a homer. A sacrifice fly would be a better description. But consider ing the sham of a policy now governing the sport, even a bunt would have been wel-

The new policy mirrors one used in the minor leagues, where players are tested four times a year, with a 15-game suspension for the first positive test, a one-year ban on the fourth violation, and a lifetime ban from the minors for a subsequent positive re-

Baseball's new rules leave a lot to be desired. But perhaps younger athletes will get the message that steroids and other drugs aren't the sole path to athletic advancement.

#### Public is meat of the matter Yakima (Wash.) Herald-Republic

Canadian authorities confirmed ... that another animal in the western province of Al berta had tested positive, the second found to have mad cow disease since U.S. officials announced last month they would resume the cattle trade with Canada in March.

Canadian officials also said that once again no part of the cow has entered either the human or animal food system. That's an important consideration.
Still, the announcement could add support

to U.S. cattlemen who have sued to block the lifting of the ban on Canadian beef, saying allowing the trade will hurt U.S. producers and put consumers at risk

On the other hand, beef packers, who have had to pay more for cattle since the Canadian border closed, support reopening

We're confident government officials and scientists are on top of this on both sides of the border. But their main focus should be on inspections and other methods to ensure public health and safety in the food supply and not be sidetracked by protectionist policies that tilt the dynamics of the market-

#### Having a ball by buying access The Times Herald-Record, Middletown, N.Y.

President Bush spent much of [last] week getting ready for Thursday. You could hard-

blame him. With the inauguration for his second term momentarily taking some attention away

from the war in Iraq, the president made sev eral public appearances. . .

He told one interviewer that, since he's not running for president again, "maybe poli-tics won't creep in quite so fast." But then he also noted he had a "big agen-da in mind." ... That agenda is the reason so

many large corporations have chipped in \$250,000 apiece and so many private donors gave \$100,000 apiece — sometimes more, thanks to loose rules on these donations - to pay for the inauguration events. If that's not political, what is? Wealthy individuals and corporations are financing the parties, parades and balls as a way of saying thank you and, by the way, don't forget us when you get back to work on this domestic agenda.

#### Correction

Last Sunday's "What newspapers are saying at home" page misidentified the location of The Spokesman-Review. It publishes in Spokane, Wash.

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#### **Guards decry policies**

CA RIVERSIDE — Prison guards claim state officials lied to the U.S. Supreme Court about racial segregation in California's prisons and the extent to which race is used to set prison policies, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

Correctional officers and inmates told The Press-Enterprise of Riverside that segregation

prise of Riverside that segregation is rampant throughout the system, despite state attorneys' contention that it is limited to immates' first 60 days behind bars.

"There is no way I'd put a white and a black together," said Charles Hughes, a lieutenant at California State Prison in Lancaster. "I'd be putting my job on the line if I did that."

to the newspaper reported that one correctional officer filed a whistleblower complaint with the state auditor last month, saying the state presented false arguments to the high court in November in a leawait filed by immate Garrison Johnson, who claimed his right to equal protection under the law was violated by the prison system's racial segregation policies.

#### Handstand turns fatal

NORTH FORT MYERS —
A woman fell to her death
while trying to do a handstand on
the railing of a second-floor hotel
balcony, sheriff's officials said.

Molly Jerman, 23, died Sunday. While attempting a handstand, she toppled over and dropped to the hotel patio, according to the Lee County sheriff's department.

Just before she fell, she had called out to a friend, "Watch to see what I can still do," a police report said.

Foul play is not believed to be involved, officials said.

#### Woman killed over \$20

LIHUE — A Kauai man fatally stabbed an 18-year-old woman after an argument over \$20, according to a confession on file with police.

Richard Costa told police he stabbed Weslyn Jerves in the neck after arguing in his car over money she owed him, The Garden Island reported in Wednesday's edition. Costa told police that he then drove over her body as he fled a Port Allen parking lot, the newspaper said.

Costa, 36, of Kalaheo, was charged Wednesday with second-degree murder in the slaying of Jerves of Hanamaulu, said Richard Minatoya, first deputy prosecutor

Costa told police that after the stabbing, he tossed Jerves to the ground and threw the knife in the ocean.

Costa told police that he ran over something as he pulled out of the dirt parking lot near the Japanese graveyard near Glass Beach, but didn't realize until later than it was Jerves' body, The Garden Island reported.

## Tag fight goes to court RUTLAND — A Rutland

man is suing the state for denying his request for a religious license plate.

The Department of Motor Vehicles rejected Shawn Byrne's applione of three designed to reduce underage drinking. Eissler, R-The Woodlands, supported the legislation at the urging of a constituent. Susan Wagener's son died of acute alcohol poisoning in 1999 on the campus of Texas A&M Universi-

Retailers contend the proposed registration requirements are largely redundant because some businesses already register kers voluntarily.

#### Jelly bean heaven

WAKARUSA — When the owners of The Dime Store order candy, they're not messing around

This year, they ordered 30 tons of jumbo jelly beans.

The Wakarusa store ordered the tonnage for its 35th bean season — far more than the 5 tons of the candies it ordered in 1998.

The store in the town about 25 miles southeast of South Bend began selling jumbo jelly beans in conjunction with the Wakarusa Maple Syrup Festival 35 years ago. That first year, the store ordered 100 pounds and sold them all.

"When we first started selling

"When we first started selling jelly beans by the ton, people probably thought we had rocks in our head," store co-owner Deb McNally said last week.

This year, the store is featuring stone-shaped jelly beans, along with its popular "Love Potion Number Nine," a cherry-vanilla jumbo bean mix.

#### Missing children found

VA GALAX — Two young children whose parents allegedly kidnapped them at gunpoint from a foster home in North Carolina were found safe Wednesday in

southwestern Virginia, police said. An Amber Alert had been issued Saturday for James Paul Chambers, 2, and his sister, Breanna, 11 months. They had been put in foster care last year after a drug raid at the family home.

The children were found in a mobile home in this rural, mountainous area near the North Carolina and Tennessee lines, said Grayson County Sheriff Jerry D. Wilson. The parents and two other people were taken into custody at the scene, Wilson said.

North Carolina authorities said the children were taken from a foster home in Watauga County, N.C., early Saturday by their father, James Lee Canter, 28, and their mother. Alisha Chambers. 18.

#### Project to study bison

BILLINGS — Wildlife officials plan to capture 100 bison calves that leave Yellowstone National Park in the coming months and use them to test an experimental quarantine facility just outside the park.

The pilot project will look at whether a quarantine facility could be helpful in finding bison free of the disease to help start herds in Montana and other states.

"Our view is that if we are going to restore bison to the landscape in some broader way, we're going to have to take some real active steps," said Pat Flowers, a regional supervisor for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. But bison defenders, such as Mike Mease of the Buffalo Field

Campaign, say the facility will

serve to treat the bison like cattle.



Squid beaching

Newport Beach lifeguard officer
John Moore checks out some of the
estimated 500 giant squid that washed up along Newport Beach, Calif.



In a derby daze

Cub Scouts Greg LaRock, 8, left, and Patrick Collins, 7, watch as their Pinewood Derby cars are placed on the racetrack for their next race at Berrendo Elementary School in Roswell, N.M.



Oil spill mystery Volunteer Jerry Howard rushes a western eight rescue center at the University of California, Davis, in San Pedro, Calif. Investigators are testing oil wiped from birds in an attempt to determine the origin of a mysterious oil spill somewhere in California.



**AMERICAN** 

ROUNDUP

cation for a vanity license plate, "JOHN316," which refers to a

Byrne filed suit in federal court Wednesday. "This is a violation of

his free expression rights," said

Joshua Carden, an attorney for the

Arizona-based Alliance Defense

Ryrne was asked to list three

choices for his vanity plate. Byrne wrote, "JOHN316," "JN316" and "JN36TN." The application also

asked Byrne what each selection

represented, and in each case he

quests, "It has been deemed to be a

combination that refers to deity

and has been denied based on that

AUSTIN — Texans purchasing beer kegs would be re-

quired to register with the state.

swearing they are 21 years old and

under a new bill filed this week in

Retailers on Wednesday criti-

cized the bill, contending the bur-

den of the proposed registration

program and its bookkeeping

However, the Texas Alcoholic

Beverage Commission, which

would administer the registration.

supports the measure, said Roy

Hale, program specialist for the

commission's enforcement divi-

erve minors,

The DMV denied all three re-

wrote, "Bible passage

reason," it said in a letter.

Bill targets keggers

promising not to s

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would fall on them.

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scripture passage in the Bible.

Learning the ropes
Martise Thomas, a fifth-grader at
Johnson School of the Arts in
Cedar Rapids, lowa, practices
juggling with three scarves during
a circus workshop with the
Bindlestiff Family Cirkus in Cedar
Rapids, lowa.

A bear-v cold day

Cool ride

RIPES - JANUARY 23, 2005

A polar bear hides its face in its paws at the edge of a frozen pool at the Bronx Zoo in New York.

Kennedy clothing

A paper replica of the wedding

her wedding day to John F.

dress Jacqueline Bouvier wore on

Kennedy is seen at the Marshall

Field's store in Chicago. The dis-

play is in connection with a show

ing of her clothing, "Jacqueline



Jordan Leung looks out In the mouth of the beast from a lion costume during practice with the New York United Dragon & Lion Dance Group for upcom ing Chinese New Year celebrations in New York's Chinatown



Chris Conley, 12, reacts to the cold water while trying to ride his bike through a flooded portion of River View Park next to the Snoqualmie River in Snoqualmie, Wash.

#### Horses die in stable fire

HOUSTON — A fire swept through a stable just north of Houston, killing 23 horses and mules.

The predawn fire Tuesday at WT Stables is under investigation by the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office.

A stable employee who lives in a mobile home on the 5-acre property noticed the stable was burning shortly after 4 a.m., after his electrical service went out.

Workers pulled down part of the stable with a tractor, allowing a few animals to escape. But 21 animals died inside, and two of those that got out were so injured they had to be euthanized, stable owner Woody Taggart said.

Rogelio Arriaga said he lost three horses, including Kazzam, a 9-year-old performing Appaloosa trained to dance to rodeo music.

#### Traffic stop nets \$1.5M

TN CHATTANOOGA — Drug agents discovered \$1.5 million hidden in a luxury vehicle they stopped for weaving on Interstate 75 the second million-dollar cash seizure in rural Bradley County in a vear.

Officers who stopped the BMW sport utility vehicle Jan. 12 found the cash stashed in concealed compartments under the floorboard.

They said the driver, Jose Luis Serrano-Lopez, told them he was he was traveling from New York with narcotics money destined for the El Paso, Texas/Juarez, Mexico border.

#### Lynx heads to Canada

CO DENVER — A Canada lynx that was released in Colorado two years ago looks to be heading home

The adult male, which has meandered through Wyoming and Montana, was last heard of north of Missoula. Mont., in October, more than 800 miles as the crow flies from where it was released in March 2003 in Colorado's San Juan National Forest.

The big cat's exploits were detailed in the latest Yellowstone Science magazine and confirmed by Rick Kahn, Colorado Division of Wildlife lynx coordinator.

The lynx, which is wearing a radio collar, was trapped in British Columbia and released in Colorado as part of a program to restore the cat to the state. Lynx are an endangered species in Colorado.

#### Sickout investigated

CA SAN FRANCISCO — The sheriff's department is investigating an apparent sickout by deputies at the main county jail after an incident in which an inmate beat a guard unconscious.

Sheriff Michael Hennessey said the inmate attacked the deputy in a medium-security wing Jan. 8 during lunch. David Wong, head of the denuties' union said the inmate was on a special diet and was upset that his lunch had been delayed.

Another deputy intervened, but not before the first deputy suffered a broken shoulder and a gash to his head, Hennessey said. The deputy, who lost consciousness was treated at a hospital for his injuries.

The jail was locked down over that weekend. On Wednesday, 13 of the 20 deputies who had been on duty during the attack called in sick. It was their first scheduled day back at work since the inci-

#### Light shines on project

ME PORTLAND, Maine — A lighthouse on the Kennebec River could be returned to the government as part of a multi-group effort to increase public awareness of the 107-year-old structure, a federal judge has ruled.

Squirrel Point Lighthouse in Arrowsic will likely be given to a nonprofit organization following a rulng from U.S. Magistrate Judge David Cohen. The decision still needs approval from federal Judge D. Brock Hornby.

Attorneys for the Coast Guard and a citizens group seeking public access to the lighthouse said Tuesday it is unlikely Hornby will overrule the decision

An attorney for Squirrel Point Associates, which owns the lighthouse, said the group plans to file an objection to the decision.

The lighthouse was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in January 1988. In February 1998, the Coast Guard transferred ownership of the light-house, for free, to Squirrel Point Associates

#### Errors caused deaths

MN ST. PAUL — Twenty pa-tients died in Minnesota hospitals during a 15-month period because of medical errors or oversights including falls, faulty medical equipment and administration of the wrong medication, the state Health Department said in a new report.

The report, released Wednesday, documented 99 serious errors between July 1, 2003, and Oct. 6, 2004. Minnesota is the first state to report its mistakes under standards developed by the National Washing-Quality Forum, a Washing-ton-based nonprofit. New Jersey and Connecticut also adopted the standards, which are being considered elsewhere.

Minnesota's most common problem — not resulting in death or disability — was doctors forgetting foreign objects such as surgical sponges inside patients at the end of operations. That happened 31 times

#### Now too many tomatoes

FL HOMESTEAD — A fall tomato shortage has turned into a glut that Florida growers say has forced them to abandon 60 million pounds on the vine, generating pledges of help from the state.

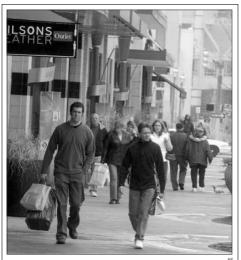
State agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson promised action to make sure consumers and wholesalers know the tomatoes are available.

#### Prize must be shared

OH CLEVELAND — A postal employee must share a \$175,000 Mega Millions lottery prize with 20 co-workers who ac cused him of cheating them out of their cut, a jury said. Stephen Kyle had told co-workers that he bought the winning ticket with his own money instead of the money they've been giving him for four years to buy tickets.

Photos and stories from wire services

#### YOUR MONEY



Shoppers are shown at the Atlantic City Outlets-The Walk in Atlantic City, N.J., last week. Atlantic City, known more for its gambling than for its shopping, is a vacation spot for betting senior citizens, says a study that warns about elderly gambling.

# Study: Gambling among older adults is problem

BY GARY ROTSTEIN Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Significant numbers of older adults admit betting more money than they can afford to lose or wagering sums above \$100, a new study reports in warning about elder-

ly gambling.
Researchers from the University of
Pennsylvania and Penn State College of
Medicine did not find that older adults necessarily gamble more than the rest of the
population. They suggested, however, that
a rate similar to younger adults poses more
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pairments, or with health care needs that
could be searffleed to invest in gambling.

The study, published Wednesday in the American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry, found that of 843 Philadelphia-area residents 65 and older, 70 percent had gambled in the past year on lottery tickets, bingo, Atlantic City casinos or other op-

About 4 percent of those interviewed admitted betting more than they could afford to lose. Nearly 8 percent, including some of the latter group, had risked at least \$100 on a single wager. The researchers grouped those two categories together into an "at-risk" population representing about one of every nine survey participants.

"I didn't think it was going to be this much," said Dr. David Oslin, lead author and an assistant professor and geriatrician at the University of Pennsylvania. "I would have thought it would be lower in older adults because not too many people come to the total profession of the pr

The study's release comes four months

after the gambling industry gained some favorable publicity in a Yale University report that showed older recreational gamblers to be healthier than their non-gambling neers.

One common interpretation of that data was that someone in a bingo hall or casino was more likely to be active and healthy to begin with rather than receiving any cause-and-effect benefit from gambling. Some researchers allow that social benefits can come from gambling as a group within a

population that's sometimes isolated. The casino industry's American Gaming Association and some organizations that focus on problem gambling said it was hard to react to the new study because they hadn't yet seen it. Some in the field agreed, however, that attention needs to be focused on the elderly because of the increasing prevalence

of gambling opportunities.
"It definitely should be studied because
(the older population) does have a large number of people with time on their hands ... and
it's really good to keep an eye on vulnerable
populations, 'said Christine Reilly, executive
director of Harvard Medical School's Institute for Research on Pathological Gambling

and Related Disorders.

In the Penn-Penn State College of Medicine study, more than three-fourths of the gamblers were lottery players and more than half visited casinos or played machines such as illegal video poker.

Oslin said his worst fear as a geriatrician is that some people lose money gambling that they normally depend on for medications and other health care.

"This confirms to us it's probably something we need to pay attention to," Oslin said. "Now we're justified in going ahead with that groundwork, seeing if patients are making those trade-offs."

# New online tools help job hunters

BY ANDREA COOMBES CBS MarketWatch

SAN FRANCISCO — Want to stand out from other job seekers? An online

profile may be one way to do that. These days, you can send a link to your online profile in an e-mail to prospective employers. Ziggs.com, a company that launched in October, offers online profiles for \$25 a year, with the first year free.

"The online profile gives so much (more information than) the résumé. It's a great point of differentiation," said

Tim DeMello, chief executive at Žiggs.
The profile you create includes a snapshot page complete with photo and quick introduction, a more detailed biography and a faux interview, where the applicant decides which questions to answer.

Unlike networking sites such as LinkedIn and Ryze, Ziggs' profiles also are a means to maintain a semblance of control over one's online "brand."

For \$50 a year (on top of the \$25), the company will ensure your profile tops the list of sponsored searches when anyone searches your name using a major Internet search engine such as Google or Yahoo.

"Your name being in search listings is important and the information attached to it is important," DeMello said. Employers are "going to look at that, even before they invite you in for an interview. "The way Zigzg got started is I found

"The way Ziggs got started is I found out that, out of 100 random search-engine queries, about 5 out of 10 are proper names." he said.

"They're looking for us and we need to make sure we are presented right." Some job seekers have no online presence to worry about, but even those who do should consider this: Employers conducting online searches may be more interested in finding information that

you're not about to reveal in a profile.

"We've had instances where we were ready to hire and a Google search revealed (this lawyer) had been released from jail a year earlier," said Ira Halperin, co-head of the corporate practice

unit at Meltzer, Lippe, Goldstein & Breitstone, a business law firm based in Mineola. N.Y.

"That was not on his résumé," Halperin said, adding that the company conducts Internet searches on every poten-

ducts internet searches on every potential employee, from janitor to lawyer. For Halperin, an online profile makes little sense from a hiring perspective. Since the profile is written by the appli-

cant, "obviously it's going to be filtered."
Internet searches "are a free opportunity to do some checking that takes minimal effort," he said. "I have a sense that it is common not only among law firms but anyone who's hiring these days."

Some note that those posting online profiles should avoid adding photos. "Recruiters do not want to see the ethnic background of an individual prior to the interview," said Mark Mehler, co-author of CareerXroads, a directory of job sites. "They could be accused of discrimination."

Whether or not you decide an online profile is worth your money, there's no doubt you'll still need a résumé.

"Most hiring managers still want to see a very pristine, clean, good-looking résumé," Mehler said. "It's not going

Given that the résumé remains a powerful force in hiring, consider avoiding these all-too-common mistakes:

Avoid jargon, and generalities. "Put results on your resume, the ways you've made a concrete difference," said Andrea Kay, a career consultant and author of "Greener Pastures: How to find a

job in another place."
■ Stick to relevant information. "The biggest mistake that I see is people put too much information on there that doesn't resonate" with hiring managers, said Jennifer Johnson, director of recruitment at Wisnik Career Enterprises, in New York.

■ Don't rely on e-mail alone. "Some company networks are flat-out deleting e-mails that have attachments," said Kevin Donlin, president of Guaranteed Resumes, based in Edina, Minn. This "gives you a perfect excuse to call the

#### Is this on sale?



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Ray Grover sits in a new Lexus while shopping for cars at Lexus of Serramonte in Colma, Califi., on Jan. 13. At right is salesperson Margo Alexander. Retail sales, helped by sizzling activity in auto showrooms, jumped by 1.2 percent in December, providing a solid finish to a year in which sales climbed at the fastest pace since 1999.

#### YOUR MONEY

# Mortgage shouldn't lead to debt

Q: I'm 21 and thinking about buying my first home. How much house can I afford to buy, and is it OK to bid less than what the seller is asking?

A: You have actually asked two of the more difficult questions to answer when it comes to

Many people believe there are strict formulas that determine how much they can borrow for a home. In reality, lenders have loosened their standards considerably in recent years, and some borrowers may find - much to their later sorrow - that they can get a much bigger mortgage than they can comfortably

repay A good rule of thumb is to keep your total housing costs — including mortgage, taxes and insurance — to about 25 percent of your gross income. That way, you'll have enough money for other goals, such as retirement savings and vacations

You can stretch a bit more if you expect your income to rise considerably within a few years or if you have no other debt. But you might want to be even more conservative if your income is uncertain or your debt load is particularly heavy.

Once you have a target monthly payment you can play with the online mortgage affordability calculators offered by companies including Bankrate Inc. and E-Loan Inc. to see how much house that will buy.

As far as how much to bid, you might consider consulting an experienced real estate or buyer's agent who is well-versed in the neighborhoods you're targeting for your house hunt There are no hard-and-fast rules. Some sellers overprice their homes; others set the price too low, hoping to set off bidding wars. A smart agent can help you figure out which is which and coach you on the best bid-

ding strategies for your market.

Q: I was confused about a state ment you made regarding penalties

on withdrawals from 529 college savings plans. You mentioned a 10 percent penalty on withdrawals that aren't used for qualified education expenses but didn't say whether the penalty applies to the entire withdrawal or just the earnings.

If it's just the earnings, why should I care about the penalty? Even if I don't use the money for education, I'd still be ahead because the money had a chance to grow tax-deferred

A: That would be a heck of a loophole,

wouldn't it? But, alas, it doesn't exist. It's true that only the earnings in your 529 are subject to the penalty, not your original contributions. But you'll also have to pay regular income taxes on any gains that you with-

The combination of taxes and penalties effectively eliminates the 529 as a tax shelter for most folks unless the money is used for education - or unless they're in a much lower tax bracket when they withdraw the money than they were during the years in which the gains

Money Talk

Dear Liz: I want to disagree with you over our recent advice about buying cars for

I was extremely depressed during my senior year of high school for many reasons, but a big part of it was that I couldn't drive because of our financial situation. My mom had other bills to pay, and my paychecks weren't big enough to cover the insur-

> I really don't think you grown-ups know how it feels to wait for rides, walk home past the young sopho-mores that drive and have people look down on you. All I can say is that when I have kids, I will do anything to make sure they have a car.

A: No, you probably won't - because someday you'll be the

grown-up and you'll realize what a service your mother did for you by not buying you something your family couldn't afford. You also will learn, with any luck, that how you react to circumstances is a lot more important than the circumstances themselves.

By the way, many of us grown-ups know exactly how it feels to wait for rides, and we survived just fine.

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#### **New Outlook program**

REDMOND, Wash. Microsoft Corp. will begin selling its Outlook e-mail program as a subscription to Hotmail customers. in a bid to persuade people to pay for add-on services and better compete with rivals such as Google Inc. and Yahoo Inc

The new service, which costs \$59.95 per year, will let people organize e-mail, contact lists and calendars in their online Hotmail accounts using the Microsoft Outlook program most often found on businesses' desktop comput-

Ted Schadler, principal analyst with Forrester Research, said Redmond-based Microsoft is smart to take advantage of a popular core product - Outlook - to help make Hotmail more attractive to sophisticated users. But he noted that there are many free programs that do similar things. and questioned whether the price will be too high to garner much in-

"That feels pretty steep to me," he said.

The move comes as Microsoft's competitors also appear to be looking for ways to help people better organize and manage their growing e-mail inboxes.

From The Associated Press

## THURSDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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337.79	259.08	Dow Jones Utilities	332.81	-1.77	53 69	64	+22.08
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#### **EXCHANGE RATES**

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British pound (Jan. 21)	\$1.92
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Canada (Dollar)	1.2335
Denmark (Krone)	5.7444
Favot (Pound)	5,9549
Furo	965/0.7713
Hong Kong (Dollar) Hungary (Forint)	7.7978
Hungary (Forint)	189.65
Iceland (Krona)	62.855
Israel (Shekel)	4.3649
Japan (Yen)	103.31
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2919
Norway (Krone)	6.315
Philippines (Peso)	55.43
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7501
Singapore (Dollar)	1.6384
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#### **PRECIOUS METALS**

#### **INTEREST RATES**

Discount rate
Federal funds market rate
3-month bill
30-year bond
Sources: The Associated Press, Ban

## ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

#### Inventory your home

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK - Many retail stores conduct an inventory after the holidays, and it's also the perfect time for individuals to take stock of their own possessions.

A home inventory lists all vour personal possessions as well as their estimated value. Such a compendium can be vital when it comes to emergencies

and being adequately insured, reports the Insurance Information Institute, which disseminates insurance information to the public.

Should your home be damaged in a natural disaster or other emergency, you'll be able to attach a dollar amount to the ruined items. If your home is burglarized, you will have docu-mentation of what went missing. Having a home inventory also can speed your insurance claim and ensure that you have enough coverage to replace your

Here are some things you might list:

Storage Attic/Basement: trunks, luggage, holiday decorations, exercise equipment

- Bathroom: Cosmetics, medicines, scale, towels

  Bedroom: Bed, mattress,
- jewelry, clocks, paintings, furniture, clothing
- Living room: TV, stereo equipment, CDs, piano
- Home office: Computer, answering machine, files, books ■ Laundry room: Clothes
- washer/dryer, iron, cleaning supplies ■ Outside: Patio furniture,
- grill, decorations ■ Garage/Shed: Lawnmower.
- tools, bicycles
- Dining room/Kitchen: China silverware food kitchen

appliances, pots/pans

Remember to list the relatively little things, like toys, DVDs and books. Though they might not be worth much individually, think about what it would cost you to replace them all! You might supplement your list with photos or a videotaped walk-through of your home. Hold onto the receipts for any big purchases. Be sure to keep the inventory and any sup-plemental materials in a safe place — such as a fireproof metal box or with other important personal and financial papers.

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#### Evening 7:00 News (1)

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12:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (12)
130 U.S. Movie (1997): Merchant of Deal
(2:00)(12)
550 News (6)
Evening
7:50 News (1)
7:30 What I Like About You (3) 7:00 New\$ (1)
7:00 Rugby; Microsoft Cup Game No. 1 (42)
8:25 Rugby; Microsoft Cup Game No. 2 (42)
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6:817 Certification of Conductors of Conduct 8:00 The Simpsons (42) 10:00 News (1) 2:26 Music Travelogue: Mongolian/Mexi-co/Brazil/Argentina (3)(r)

11:30 Friends (42) 1:25 Soccer: FA Cup — Cardiff vs. Black-burn (8) 1:40 Grand Sumo Digest (1) 4:00 Grand Sumo Digest (1)(r)

#### MON, JAN. 24

Morning 10:25 Korean Drama: A Wish Upon A Star Afternoon 12:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (12)

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1:30 U.S. Movie (1993): Extreme Justice
(2:00)(12)
5:50 News (6)
Evening
7:00 News (1)
10:00 News (1)
10:00 Nikita (42)

#### THU, JAN. 27 Morning 6-45 Retween the Lions (3)

1:10 PGA Tour: Buick Invitational — Final Round (1)

kourld (1) 2:28 UHB Cup Ski Jump: Large Hill (8) 3:45 Classical Music (1)(r) 4:01 Music Travelogue (3)(r)

TUE, JAN. 25

Morning 10:25 Korean Drama: A Wish Upon A Star (4)

WED, JAN. 26

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5:50 News (6) **Evening**7:00 News (1)
7:00 I Lowe Oliver Beene (3)(r)
7:25 Simple Rules (3)
10:00 News (1)
10:00 Armerica's Top 40 (42)
2:26 Music Travelogue: Chille/Peru/Bolivi
2:24 TV Series: Bull (6)
2:34 TV Series: Bull (6)

12:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 1:30 U.S. Movie (1987): Robocop (2:0 5:50 News (6)

Afternoon

7:30 Disney (12) 10:25 Korean Drama: A Wish Upon A Star

(4) Afternoon 1:30 U.S. Movie (1990): Robocop 2 (2:00)(12) 5:50 News (6)

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#### FRI, JAN. 28

Morning 7:30 Disney (12) Afternoon 5:50 News (6)

550 News w. Evening 700 News (1) News (1) September 300 News (1) September 100 News (1) September 100 News (1) Planet of the Apes (2:15)(4) News (1) News (1

(2:16)(4) 10:00 News (1) 2:10 Haven (1 of 2)(1) 2:30 U.S. Movie (1987): Three Men and A Baby (1:58)(8) 2:40 CBS Documentary (6) 3:10 U.S. Movie (1983): Class (1:50)(12)

#### SAT. JAN. 29

#### Morning

6:00 Wake Up! 7:00 M Size Friday 8:00 Top Choice 10:00 Pure Music 11:00 Ton Choice

10:00 DX: Jennifer Lopez Special 1:00 Project Revolution Tour Special: Linkin Park 2:00 Classic '90s

(Off the air for maintenance from 3 to 6 a.m.)

MON, JAN. 24

#### SUN, JAN. 23

12:00 Rocks 12:00 Rocks 1:00 Classic 1:30 Top Choice 2:00 Pure Music 3:00 Top Choice 5:00 Music Dowl 0:00 Wake Up! 8:00 Cribs: Celebrities' Car Spe-cial No. 3 8:30 Making the Video: Alicia Keys 9:00 Rock On

nload Chart Top 10 Evening 6:00 M Size Monday 7:00 U.S. Top 20 with Super Dry 9:00 i-Catch

9:30 Top Choice 11:00 Live Special: The Chemis-

11:00 VATAI Aftermoon
12:00 Eminem Special: Shady Convention/News Divideo Convention/News Divideo Convention/News Divideo Convention/News Divideo Convention/News Divideo Convention Conven try 11:30 Live 12:00 Classic '90s 12:00 Classic '90s 1:00 M Size Monday 2:00 Making the Video: Alicia Keys 2:30 Check the Rhyme 3:00 Fresh 3:30 After Hours

#### TUE, JAN. 25

7:00 M Size Monday 8:00 Top Choice 10:00 Pure Music 11:00 Top Choice

Afternoon 12:00 America or Busted 12:30 Making the Video: Alicia

1:30 Top Choice 2:00 Pure Music 5:00 JAPAN.COM News Chart Top 10

Evening 6:00 M Size Tuesday

7:00 World Chart Express Pow-ered by Honda 9:00 i-Catch 9:30 Top Choice

10:00 YATAI 11:00 Makes A Video: Camron 11:30 Movie Special: Ocean's Twelve/The Bourne Suprem-

acy 12:30 Consensus: The Chemistry 1:00 M Size Tuesday

#### WED, JAN. 26 Morning "'ake Up!

8:00 Top Choice 10:00 Pure Music 11:00 Top Choice Afternoon 12:00 YATAI 1:00 Pimp My Ride 1:30 Top Choice 2:00 Pure Music 3:00 Top Choice 4:30 Live Special: T 5:00 U.S. Top 10 Evening

: al: The Chemistry Evening
6:00 M Size Wednesday
7:00 DX: Jennifer Lopez Special
10:00 Making the Video: Ja Rule
10:30 Check the Rhyme
11:30 America or Busted
11:30 Pure Music

12:00 Rocks 1:00 M Size Wednesday 2:00 Rock On 2:30 Classic 3:00 Fresh 3:30 After Hours

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### SUN. JAN. 23

Morning 8:15 U.S. Movie (2001): Almost a Woman (1:36) 9:55 U.S. Movie (2003): The Hulk (2:20) Afternoon 12:15 U.S. Movie (2003): The Matrix Re loaded (2:20) 2:35 U.S.-New Zealand Movie (2003): The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (3:22)

of the Nirg (July) Evening 6:00 U.S. Movie (2003): Timeline (2:00) 10:00 Pro Boxing: WBC Lightweight Title Match – Jose Luis Castillo vs. Joel Casamayor 12:00 Australian Open Tennis, 7th Day 4:55 Spanish Soccer Liga Española (live)

#### MON, JAN. 24

Morning 7:30 Oswald No. 21

7:45 South African Movie (2000): The Long Run (1:55) 9:40 U.S.-Canadian-German Movie (2002): No Good Deed (1:40) 11:30 TV Series: Friends — the Finale 12:00 TV Series: Third Watch 3:10 U.S. Movie (2002): Antwone Fish-er (2:01)

er (2:01) Evening 6:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Española (r) 8:00 U.S. Movie (2003): National Secu-rity (1:30) 9:30 Spanish Soccer Liga Española 12:00 Australian Open Tennis, 8th Day

#### TUE, JAN. 25

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6:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Española (r)
8:00 TV Series: Dawson's Creek
9:00 TV Series: Dawson's Creek
9:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Investigation - Miamiz
10:0135 Movie (2002): Swept Away
12:00 Australian Open Tennis, 9th Day
4:00 U.S. Movie (1974): The Towering
Inferno (2:48)

#### WED, JAN. 26

(1:59)
Evening
6:00 U.S. Movie (1980): Coal Miner's
Daughter (2:10)
8:10 U.S. Movie (2003): Bulletproof
Monk (1:45)
10:00 Danish Movie (2002): Elsker Dig
For Evigt (1:55)
12:00 Australian Open Tennis, 10th

12:00 Australian Open Tennis, 10th Day 4:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Undercover Brother (1:30) 5:30 U.S. Movie (2003): Control Factor (1:30)

#### THU, JAN. 27

Morning 7:30 Oswald No. 24 9:40 U.S. Movie (2003): The Hunted (1:35)

11:20 Australian Open Tennis, 11th Day Afternoon
4:00 French-Bapanese Movie (2003):
4:00 French-Bapanese Movie (2003):
5:20 Australian Open Tennis, 11th Day Evening
10:00 U.S. Movie (19:93): What's Eating Gilbert Grane (2:00) Gilbert Grape (2:00) 12:00 South Park No. 105 1:05 U.S. Movie (2003): Kill Bill: Vol. 1

(1:55) 3:00 Pro Boxing: Pro Boxing: WBC Lightweight Title Match — Jose Luis Castillo vs. Joel Casamayor

#### FRI, JAN. 28

Morning 9:30 U.S. Movie (2003): The Italian Job (1:54) 11:30 TV Series: Friends The Final Afternoon 12:00 TV Series: Third Watch 5:20 Australian Open Tennis, 12th Day

12:00 TV Series: Friends the Best 12:30 TV Series: Friends the Best SAT, JAN. 29

Morning 6:00 German Movie (2003): Das Flieg-

Evening 10:00 U.S. Movie (2001): Dark Blue

6:00 German Movie (2003): Das Flieg-ende Klassenzimmer (1:57) 8:00 TV Series: Dawson's Creek 9:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Inves-tigation – Miami 2 11:15 Australian Open Tennis, 13th

Afternoon
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(1:30)
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5:55 Spanish Socier Uga Española

#### JAPAN TV (BS7/NHK SATELLITE) (BILINGUAL AND SPORTS) SUN, JAN. 23

## Morning 6:10 PGA Golf: Buick Invitational 8:10 World News 9:10 What's On Japan (r)

12:10 CNN News 12:30 Weekly NFL 1:03 Volleyball V-League: Toray Ar-rows vs. Seagulls 3:00 Volleyball V-League: Ploneer Red Wings vs. Hisamitsu Springs 5:30 Weekly NFL 5:50 CNN News

Evening 9:10 BS Sports Weekly 12:10 CNN News 12:10 CNN NewS 12:20 BS Sports Weekly (r) 1:35 Grand Sumo Digest 2:10 Midnight Sports & Encore Hour 5:00 PGA Golf 5:40 Football Mundia

#### MON. JAN. 24

Morning 6:10 PGA Golf: Buick Invitational — Final Round

## 8:30 NFL: AFC Championship — New England Patriots at Pittsburgh

Steelers Afternoon 12:15 What's On Asia (r) 2:15 ABC News 3:15 CNN News 4:15 World News 5:15 Asian News

5:15 Asian NewS
Evening
6:15 CNN NewS
9:15 Economic NewS
19:16 ES Documentary: Rumsfeld and Defense Department
11:15 NRL: NFC Championship — Atlantic State of Philadelphia Eagles
2:15 Asian NewS
2:15 Asian NewS
5:15 World Amazing Sports
5:15 World NewS

#### TUE, JAN. 25

10:10 BS Documentary: Global Warm-ing (1)(r) 11:15 CNN News

12:15 CNN News 2:15 PBS NewsHo 3:15 CNN News 4:15 World News 5:15 Asian News

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Evening
5:15 CNN News
5:10 CNN Ne

entary: U.S. Media on 10:10 BS Documentary: U.S. Media on Iraqi War.
11:15 NFL: AFC Championship — New England Patriots at Pittsburgh Steelers (r)
2:15 Asian News
3:35 World Amazing Sports
4:15 Asian News
5:15 World News

#### WED, JAN. 26

Morning 9:15 World News 10:10 BS Docume ing (2)(r) 11:15 CNN News

Afternoon 12:15 CNN News

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5:15 ASIAN NEWS Evening 6:15 CNN News 9:15 Economic News 10:10 BS Documentary: Reconstruc-tion of Ground Zero 11:15 NBA: Pheonix Suns vs. New

11:15 NBA: Pheonix Suns vs. New York Knicks 1:10 PGA Champions Tour: Master-Card Championship 2:15 Asian News 3:35 World Amazing Sports 4:15 Asian News 5:15 World News

### THU, JAN. 27

Morning 9:15 World News

9:15 World News
10:10 BS Documentary: Global Warming (3)(r)
1:15 CNN News
Afternoon
2:15 PBS NewsHour
3:15 CNN News
4:15 World News
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9:15 Economic News 10:10 BS Documentary: War Dead in Iraq 11:15 NFL: NFC Championship — Atlan-ta Falcons at Philadelphia Eagles

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#### FRI, JAN. 28

Morning 9:15 World News 10:10 BS Documentary: Gadhafi's Fe-male Bodyguards (r) 11:15 CNN News

4:15 World News 5:15 Asian News

5:15 April Evening --15 CNN News --16 New 9:15 Economic News 10:10 World Reports 11:15 Figure Skating Best selection (1): Pairs

12:10 Figure Skating Best selection (2): Ice Dancing 1:10 PGA Golf: Buick Invitational High-lights 2:15 Asian News 3:35 World Amazing Sports 4:15 Asian News 5:10 World News

## SAT, JAN. 29

Morning Morning 8:10 World News 9:10 World News 10:10 World Reports (r)

10:10 World Reports (r) 11:50 CNN News Afternoon 3:03 Japan Basketball League: Men's Basketball Super League: Mitsub-ishi Electric Melco Dolphins vs. Toshiba Brave Thunders Evening 7:10 NBA: Teams to be determined 12:10 Alpine Skiing World Champio

ship 1:10 CNN News 2:00 Sports & Encore Hour 3:35 World Amazing Sport

4:10 What's On Japan 5:40 Football Mundial

#### Evening 6:15 CNN News JAPAN TV (BS11/NHK SATELLITE) (BILINGUAL SPORTS, MOVIES AND MUSIC)

#### 3:00 U.S. Movie (1955): A Man Alone SUN. JAN. 23

## 1:00 Grand Sumo Tournament, Final (bilingual after 3:30 p.m.)

Evening 7:00 NHK News

#### MON. JAN. 24

8:15 World News 10:00 Classical Music: James Ehnes Vi-olin Recital (r)

#### 4:45 Wonderful Nature Evening 7:00 NHK Nows

8:00 British Movie (1935): The 39 Steps (1:25) 9:25 European Gourmet: Italy (r) 10:00 TV Series: ER IX (r) 1:00 French Movie (1968): 13 Jours en France (1:50) TUE, JAN. 25

#### Afternoon 3:00 U.S. Movie (1955): The Last Com-mand (1:55) Evening 7:00 NHK Nows

8:00 British Movie (1936): Secret Agent (1:25) 9:25 European Gourmet: Sweden (r) 10:00 TV Series: West Wing 3 1:15 French Movie (1973): La Bonne Annee (1:55) WED, JAN. 26

#### Afternoon 3:00 U.S. Movie (1965): Shenandoah Evening 7:00 NHK Nows

8:00 British Movie (1938): The Lady Vanishes (1:35) 10:00 TV Series: Alias 2 12:00 French-West German Movie (1988): Itineraire d'un Enfant Gate (2:05)

#### THU, JAN. 27 Piano Recital (r) 10:00 Classical Music: Koji Oikawa 10:00 Classical Music: Svanholm Sing- 10:00 Classical Music: Ars Antiqua ers Concert (r) Austria (r)

9:30 Aerobics

FRI, JAN. 28

Evening

7:00 NHK Nows

Afternoon 3:00 U.S. Movie (1970): The Cheyenne Social Club (1:45)

Evening 7:00 NHK Nows 7:00 NHK News
8:00 U.S. Movie (1942): Saboteur
8:00 U.S. Movie (1963): The Birds
(2:05)
(2:05)
12:39 French Movie (1983): Edith et
12:30 Edith et
13:30 Edith et
14:30 Edith et
15:30 Edith et
16:30 Edit

SAT, JAN. 29

7:00 NHK News 9:30 Aeropics
10:00 Classical Music: NHK Symphony
Orchestra Concert (conductor: 1:10 French Movie (1999): The Dancer
(1:35)

EAGLE 810

JAPAN — KANTO

Morning (Sun) 7:05 Religious Programming 9:00 Eagle 810 Sunday Brunch (Smooth Jazz) Afternoon
12:00 American Country Countdown
4:00 A Prairie Home Companion

Evening 6:00 Focus on the Family 6:30 Travel Radio

6:30 Travel Radio
7:00 Dr. Laure Radio
7:00 Dr. Laure
8:00 Beale Street Caravan
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1:200 Z-Rock (Alternative)(Mon-Fri)
2:00 Sports Overnight America
4:00 NRPS Talk of the Nation LIVE (Tue-Fri)
8:00 NRP Living on Earth (Mon)
Morning (Mon-Fri)
6:00 Eagle 8:10 Morning Show (Contemporary
7:17 Exh. January, News, and Commentary
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7:07 Paul Harvey News and Commentary 7:20 Pacific Report

7:24 Pacific Report 7:24 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story 7:28 Eagle 810 News 7:30 Zama Commander's Comer (1st Friday)

Yokota Commander's Corner (2nd & 4th Friday) Yokota/USFJ Chief's Corner (3rd Friday) 10:00 Retro Café (70s, 80s, 90s)

10:00 Netro Cate (105, 805, 905)
Afternoon
12:05 Pacific Report
12:05 Paul Harvey News and Commentary
12:21 Air Force Radio News
2:00 Top 40 Music
3:00 Traffic Jamz (Current Chart Hits)
4:05 Pacific Report

4:07 AFN Sportspage 4:12 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story Evening 6:00 From the Bench Live Sports (Wed)

7:00 NPR's Morning Edition LIVE Yokosuka Commander's Corner (1st & 3rd Thursday) 8:00 Rush Limbaugh

8:00 Rush Limbaugh
9:00 The Touch (Urban): Mon/Country;
Tue/Pure Gold (Oldies): Wed/Rock of
Ages (Classic Rock): Thu/The Touch
(Urban): Fri
12:00 Z-Rock (Alternative)
2:00 Sports Overnight America
4:00 NPR's Talk of the Nation LIVE Morning (Sat) 6:00 NPR's All Things Considered LIVE

8:05 Car Talk 9:00 Kim Komando 10:00 Classic Rock Afternoon 12:00 Rick Dees Weekly Top 40 4:00 Z-Rock (Alternative)

Evening Evening 6:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night 7:00 The Touch (Urban) 12:00 Z-Rock (Alternative) 2:00 Sports Overnight America 4:00 Adult Contemporary

POWER 1575 Morning (Sun)
7:00 NPR: All Things Considered 8:00 Rush Limbaugh 9:00 Parent's Journal 10:00 Chef's Table 11:00 Sports Overnight America

Afternoon 12:00 Adult Rock 4:00 Pure Gold (Oldies) Evening
7:00 Hot AC
10:00 The Touch (Urban)
12:00 The Touch (Urban)
3:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)

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Morning (Mon-Fr)
6:00 Morning Air Strike
6:30 Paul Harvey News
7:10 Horoscope
7:30 Inside wakuni Radio News
8:30 Rest of the Story
8:30 Rest of the Story
9:00 Country Call Up
10:00 Bright AC/Golden Oldles (Fri)
11:30 Urban Assault

11:00 Urban Assault
Afternoon
1:00 Z-Rock/Golden Oldies (Fri)
2:00 The Afterburner
2:30 Inside Iwakuni Radio News
2:34 Rest of the Story 2:36 Pacific Report 3:30 Paul Harvey News 3:40 AFN Sportspage 4:00 Departure Time

Evening 6:00 NPR: Fresh Air 7:00 The Rock 6:00 NPK: Fresh Air 7:00 The Rock Show (Mon)/Old School (Thu)/The Mosh Pit (Fri) 12:00 Adult Rock 3:00 Country

rning (Sat) 6:00 Pure Gold (Oldies) 10:00 Soundbarrier Afternoon 2:00 Rick Dee's Weekly Top 40

Evening 6:00 NPR: All Things Considered 7:00 The Jim Rome Shot 8:00 The Touch 12:00 Z-Rock

#### JAPAN — MISAWA

THE EDGE - AM 1575

5:00 Hot Jazz

THE EDGE - AM Morning (Sun) 12:00 Z-Rock 2:00 Classic Rock 4:00 Hot AC 6:00 Sam Donalds 7:00 Religious 9:00 Oldies 10:00 Hot AC Afternoon Afternoon 12:00 ACC Country 4:00 Adult Rock

Evening 6:00 Prairie Home 8:00 Hot AC Morning (Mon-Thu) 12:00 Z-Rock 2:00 Classic Rock 4:00 Sports Overnite America 5:00 Rush Limbaugh

6:00 Matt in the Morning 9:00 Hot AC

Afternoon 12:00 Classic Rock 3:00 Edge Afternoon Radio

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11:00 Hot AC Evening 6:00 Classic Rock

8:00 R&B 10:00 Hot AC Morning (Sat) 12:00 Z-Rock 12:00 Z-Rock 2:00 Classic Rock 4:00 Hot AC 6:00 Oldies 8:00 Car Talk 9:00 Saturday Retro Afternoon

12:00 Rick De 3:00 Nuestra Musica 5:00 Kim Komando Evening 6:00 Jim Ros 7:00 Z-Rock 9:00 Hot AC

#### JAPAN — SASEBO

THUNDER RADIO 1575 Morning (Sunday) 12:00 Top 40 4:00 Soft Hits

7:00 Religious Programming 10:00 Focus on the Family 10:30 The Environmental Show 11:00 Savvy Traveler Afternoon 12:00 Ameri can Country Countdown

1:00 Top 40 4:00 Top 40 Evening 6:00 Classic Rock 9:00 Z Rock Morning (Mon-Fri) 12:00 Soft Hits 3:00 Oldies 5:00 Rush Limbauch 6:00 Morning Drive 9:00 Country

Afternoon 12:00 "The Jam" with Nikki V. (Mon, Wed and Fri) 12:00 Urban Music (Tue and Thu) 3:00 "The Rush"

Evening 6:00 Classic Rock 9:00 Ton 40

Morning (Saturday) 12:00 Top 40 4:00 Classic Rock 7:00 All Things Considered 8:30 Best of Our Knowledge 10:00 Car Talk 11:00 DJ Top 40 Show (live)

Afternoon 12:00 Rick Dees American Ton 40 4:00 Nuestra 5:00 Country Evening 8:00 Urban

#### KOREA

Thunder AM Morning (Sun)

12:00 Country 5:00 NPR Weekly Edition 7:00 Bright Adult Contemporary 10:00 Nuestra Musica Afternoon 12:00 Oldies Radio 4:00 Snorts Overnight America

Evening 6:00 NPR Car Talk 7:00 Prairie Home Companion 8:00 NPR Weekend Edition Sunday Morning (Mon)

5:00 NPR 7:00 Morning Report 7:30 This Week with Sam & Cokie 8:00 Oldies Radio Afternoon 12:00 Noon Report 12:35 News & Views

1:00 Dr. Laura 2:00 Country 5:00 Jim Rome Show 5:00 Jim Rome Show Evening 6:00 Evening Report 6:35 Sports Byline 7:00 Rush Limbaugh 8:00 NPR's Morning Edition 10:00 Country

Morning (Tue-Fri) 12:00 Country 5:00 NPR 5:00 NPR 7:00 Morning Report 7:30 NPR Marker Place 8:00 Oldies Radio Afternoon

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12:00 Country 4:00 Sports Overnight America Evening 6:00 Country

7:00 Rush Limbaugh 8:00 Country 9:00 National Public Radio

OKINAWA SURF 648 AM Morning (Sunday) 6:00 Adult Rock (cont

Afternoon 2:00 Sports Overnight America (live) Evening
7:00 Ben Maller & Jason Smith — Sports (live)
8:00 Adult Rock

12:00 Country

Morning (Mon) 7:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live) 8:00 Adult Rock 11:00 Jim Lampley (live) Sports

Afternoon

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1:00 The Dr. Laura Show (recorded)
2:00 Adult Rock
4:00 The Rush Limbaugh Show (recorded)
5:00 Sports Overnight America
Evening
7:00 NRPs Morning Edition (live)

11:00 Country 1:00 The Rush Limbaugh Show (live) 2:00 Country

Morning (Tue-Thu) 6:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live) 8:00 Adult Rock 11:00 FOX Sports

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4:00 The Rush Limbaugh Show (records 5:00 Sports Overnight America Evening 8:00 NPR's Morning Edition (live) 11:00 Country (live) Morning (Fri) 6:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)

8:00 Country 11:00 FOX Sports

Afternoon 12:00 The Jim Rome Show (recorded)

1:00 The Dr. Laura Show (recorded) 1:45 Paul Harvey 2:00 Country 4:00 The Rush Limbaugh Show (recorded) 5:00 Sports Overnight America

Evening 8:00 NPR's Morning Edition (live)

1:00 Country (liv Morning (Sat) :00 NPR's All Thi 0:00 Adult Rock ings Considered (live)

Afternoon 12:00 The Jim Rome Show (recorded) 1:00 Adult Rock 1:00 Adult Rock 3:00 Sports Overnight America (live)

Evening 6:00 Adult Rock (Note: The Schedule is subject to change due to snorts schedules.)

AM RADIO SPORTS AND SPECIALS

#### FM WEEKLY RADIO

#### JAPAN — YOKOTA

FM CABLE Radio Services (On 7-Pock (Alternative) 90 3 FM Eagle 810 (Variety) 90.7 FM National Pubic Radio (News, Talk) 91.3 FM

Bright AC (Pop) 91.7 FM Adult Rock (Classic Rock) 92.3

The Touch (Urban) 92.7 FM Country 93.3 FM Pure Gold (Oldies) 93.7 FM

Hot AC (Today's Hits) 94.3 FM National Public Radio Morning (Sun) 6:00 Weekend All Things Considered

8:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night 11:00 Plano Jazz Afternoon

12:00 Reethoven Network 1:00 Weekend All Things Considered 2:00 Dialogue

2:30 Uncommon Knowledge 3:00 The WFMT Jazz Network 5:00 Jazz Profiles

Evening 6:00 Wait. Wait Don't Tell Me

4:00 Newseum Radio

5:00 Weekly Edition

7:00 A Prairie Home Companion 9:00 Weekend Edition Sunday 11:00 Justice Talking 12:00 Fresh Air Weekenn 1:00 This American Life 2:00 Le Show with Harry Shearer 3:00 On the Media

Morning (Mon)

6:00 Weekend All Things Considered 8:00 The WFMT Beethoven Network

12:00 Car Talk 1:00 Weekend All Things Considered

2:00 Fresh Air Weekend 3:00 The WEMT Jazz Network Evening 6:00 Morning Edition

11:00 The Diane Rehm Show (call in) 12:00 The Connection (call in) 1:00 Fresh Air 2:00 Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me 3:00 Talk of the Nation (call in)

5:00 All Things Considered Morning (Tue-Fri) 7:00 The World

8:00 Marketplace 8:30 Says You (Tue) Latino USA (Wed) Living on Earth (Thu) Uncommon Knowledge (Fri) Rewind (Sat) 9:00 The WFMT Beeth

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Morning (Sat) 7:00 The World 8:00 Marketplace 8:30 Rewind 9:00 The WFMT Beethoven Network 1:00 All Things Considered 3:00 The WFMT Jazz Network

5:00 WFMT Jazz Evening 6:00 Thistle & Shamrock

7:00 Weekly Edition 8:00 Rewind

8:30 Says You 9:00 Weekend Edition Saturday 11:00 Car Talk (call in) 12:00 Reale Street Caravan

1:00 Weekend Edition Saturday 3:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night 5:00 National Press Club

#### KOREA

EAGLE FM Morning (Sun) 12:00 Z-Rock

4:00 Bright Adult Contemporary 8:00 Christian Contemporary 9:00 Bright Adult Contemporary 10:00 Saturday Night 80's

12:00 Bob Kingsley's Country Count-4:00 Bright Adult Contemporary Evening

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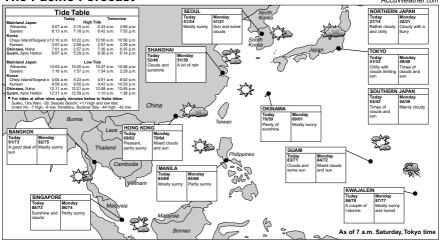
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Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 52, low 33. Wednesday: Snow showers high 46, low 36,

#### KADENA

Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 74, low 65. Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, high 69, low 59,

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Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 86, low 69. Wednesday: Periods of clouds and eunehine high 86, low 70

#### HAGATNA

Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 85, low 74. Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 86, low 75.

#### Friday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/I OW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	61/38	Los Angeles	72/52
Amarillo	72/33	Los Angeles	60/42
Anchorage	30/24	Louisville	37/32
Asheville	51/31	Miami	77/58
	26/10		
Baltimore		Milwaukee	23/17
Birmingham	67/49	Nashville	48/41
Bismarck	30/-2	New York	21/9
Boise	42/30	Omaha	35/10
Boston	14/4	Orlando	75/50
Brownsville	81/64	Philadelphia	23/10
Buffalo	8/0	Phoenix	72/56
Burlington	-2/-16	Pittsburgh	25/10
Charleston, St	63/38	Portland, OR	57/43
Charlotte	50/30	Portland, ME	10/-8
Cleveland	18/12	Salt Lake City	41/26
Columbus, OH	24/20	St. Louis	37/26
Duluth	18/5	San Antonio	78/58
El Paso	68/44	San Diego	70/54
Hartford	12/-5	San Juan	82/70
Helena	47/25	Tampa	72/56
Indianapolis	27/21	Tulsa	64/35
.lacksonville	72/47	Washington	29/18
Kansas City	37/17	Wichita	58/27
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#### U.S. Extended Forecast

Snow will come to an end across the Northeast and New England Sunday as low pressure moves eastward off the coast, and high pressure will dominate most of the country. Expect cool temperatures across the East, A nearly stationary area of high pressure across the southern Rockies and Great Basin will keep dry weather in that region, although areas of dense fog will be common in valley locations. An approaching front will bring some rain to western portions of Washington and Oregon. Most of the country will be precipitation-free Monday and Tuesday, except for some snow showers near the Great I akes and some wet weather in the Pacific Northwest.

#### Sunday's Pacific Temperatures

#### Sunday's World Temperatures

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CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY H	IIGH/LOW
Bangkok	91/73	lwakuni	46/40	Sasebo NB	53/43	Acapulco	88/72	Budapest	32/19	Kabul	42/8	Nairobi	85/55
Beijing	45/27	Kadena AB	70/59	Sapporo	27/14	Athens	46/34	Buenos Aires	84/66	Kiev	20/10	New Delhi	67/38
Camp Casey	41/23	Kunsan AB	43/33	Seoul	41/24	Auckland	72/59	Cairo	63/43	Kuwait	64/42	Oslo	26/16
Christchurch	72/53	Kwajalein	86/78	Shanghai	52/40	Baghdad	59/31	Cancun	78/62	London	36/28	Paris	32/23
Diego Garcia	88/79	Manila	84/68	Singapore	88/73	Barbados	86/69	Cape Town	70/51	Madrid	54/35	Rio de Janeiro	80/69
Hagatna	83/71	Misawa AB	31/18	Sydney	81/60	Barcelona	55/34	Geneva	32/20	Mexico City	63/41	Rome	42/30
Hanoi	74/63	Osan	41/26	Taegu	45/34	Berlin	29/20	Istanbul	36/26	Montreal	4/1	St. Petersburg	27/16
Hong Kong	69/62	Perth	95/73	Taipei	71/58	Bermuda	68/56	Jerusalem	51/35	Mogadishu	91/75	Stockholm	25/15
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### **Sunday Horoscope**

Mother Moon is in Cancer, her naive indicate home. This and other astrological aspects could inspire you to call your own mother or honor her in some way. Any unresolved issues around the blos of mother compassionate, look. It also becomes important that domestic file mirror life.

Internal.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
(January 23). The world
wants you to succeed this
year. The more you can
see this, the better loved
you feel and the more
confident you are as a
result. Beleving the best
about human nature is
your key to success. Attention to
detail attracts the interest of
wealthy business partners! It's
wonderful when someone invests
in you. Love signs are Pisces and
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#### ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Taurus

You wake up focused. From the first rays of sun to the whir of the coffee grinder, every sight and sound reminds you of the one with whom you're trying to connect. By sundown, vou'll succeed.

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

The picture of love you paint in your mind may be unrealistic, but it sure is a beautiful thing to gaze upon. Seldom do you indulge yourself in non-reality for as long as you will today.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** It's all about casting. The right people around you will keep the doldrums from setting in. Create social opportunities so you can revel in the sweet exclamations of lighthearted friends.

#### CANCER (June 22-July 22). Whatever you take on, do it without

a doubt because hesitation is the enemy now and second-guessing causes only problems. Let your well-honed instinct carry you toward the smart people who can help you succeed.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** It's not the last time you'll have one of those long, arduous conversations with an emotionally ailing friend, but it may be the first time this person follows your advice. Take a photo. You'll want to remember

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Others would be wise to add you to their team, invite you to their team, invite you to Mathis their party or, even better, propose to you. Your mental clarify (amidst bedlam) helps you prevent a mistake from happening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The thing about magic is, there will always be a certain percentage of the public that can't suspend its disbelief because

it is too bent on figuring out the "trick." Today, you'll win

# SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Be open-minded. If your sign mate Nelly can have a hit song with country artist Tim McGraw, you, too, can find a way to work with the Tarus in your life — and maybe even make some money together.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). No, you're not imagining things. There's real chemistry between you and that quirky some one. Don't even think about what your next move might be. Things unfold in an inevitable fashion.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan

19). When it's not working, simply back off. Once you release the need to prove your point, you'll experience happiness. An emphasis on listening and receiving will allow you to accomplish much with yery little effort.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you can't afford something, don't rationalize that you didn't

need it in the first place. Instead, put your air-sign ingenuity to practical use, and figure out another way to get what you want.

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Ease up on your expectations of a new project. Like cakes on the griddle, the first one usually doesn't turn out so great. Toss it, and try again. You'll soon get to something golden.

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#### 'Down East' follows downwind

My husband and I have just returned from a vacation to Maine, or "Down East." While we were there we asked several people why the region is called "Down East," and not "Up East," as you would expect.

The term "Down East," an apparent misnomer applied broadly to the northeast coastal United States and parts of Canada — and specifically to the coast of Maine

specifically to the coast of Maine
— has been around for quite
some time, dating back perhaps
as far as the colonial period. Several theories of origin have been
put forth and debated over the

years, but none can be proved. The coast of Maine lies to the northeast of Boston. One theory ties the origin of "Down East" to the days when the majority of travel between Boston and Maine was done in sailing vessels. Because the winds were most origing the time of year when most travel took place, ships sailed down did when sailing in a northeasterly direction. Travelers heading the Maine were thus said to be traveling "down" or "down east."

A second theory is that "down" was merely a way of implying that travel was taking place in a direction away from the hub.

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## Stylist stepmom gets unkind cut

Dear Abby: My father is upset with me and my sisterin-law because we don't ask his wife "Clarice" — who is a hairdresser — to cut, color or style

our hair.
Clarice primarily services middle-aged and older females, who usually request haircuts and styles far different from what we want as young women. She does a great job as a stylist on that narricular kind of the properties of the propert

a great job as a synst on that particular kind of client, but we're less confident in her skills with trendier styles and colors — not because she's incapable, but because you become expert at what you do every day. We have never dis-

cussed our feelings with Clarice; for years we just got our hair done elsewhere. Dad recently let us know that our choice of stylists has hurt his wife's feelings. We all love Clarice dearly and have a good relationship with her otherwise. Do we have a family obligation to use her services? How should this be addressed?

— Feeling Trapped in Georgia Dear Feeling Trapped: It was wrong of your father to put you on the spot, but now that he has, you must talk to Clarice. Many women would rather curl up and "dye" than change hairdressers. Since you have a long-standing relationship with yours, explain that to Clarice. However, please keep in mind that a good hairdresser is more than a one-trick nony.

Dear Abby: I have a big decision to make and I need your help. I am from New York but I have lived in Virginia for 10 years. I moved after I got divorced and took my two

boys with me.

I went home to New
York for the holidays
and now would like to
move back because my
parents and grandmother are getting old. I am
44; my boys are 19 and
21. The problem is, they
don't want to go.
I have no life because

all I do is take care of my boys. I make good money but I have nothing to show for it because of them. They use me. Both of them live with me and neither one helps with the hills. They both earn as

with me and neither one helps with the bills. They both earn as much money as I do, but I am always sacrificing myself to give them money.

I can't take it anymore. I feel if I don't leave them, they'll never grow up. It pains me that I'll be so far away from them, but my brother has offered to sell me his house, and I really want to go. Please help.

- Vacillating in Virginia

Dear Vacillating: Your "children" aren't children anymore. They are both self-supporting young men. The greatest gift a parent can give a child is inde-

pendence.

The longer you remain a crutch, the longer your sons will lean. If you want to be nearer to your family, for heaven's sake, go! You have the chance of a lifetime, and you should take it.

Dear Abby: Thank you for completely debasing the act of giving my best friend a pair of diamond earrings on her retirement last year. I find it reprehensible that you assume we had slept together or that we intend to. Is it really that incomprehensible that everything in this world is not about sex?

#### - Infuriated in Belton, Mo.

Dear Infuriated: The letter I printed wasn't from your wife. It came from a woman in Minnesota. Not only had her husband bought the woman diamond earrings, but he had also been buying her lingerie from Victoria's Secret. In addition, his wife had caught him lying about his relationship with the recipient. Cool off.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby

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# Don't let unsuccessful dating experiences bring you down

Dear Annie: I am 21 years old and was asked out on my first date a month ago. I was thrilled. "Brad" and I went out three times, and we really seemed to like each other. Well, it's been two weeks since our last date, and I haven't heard from Brad except

once when we exchanged small talk. He's made no effort to see me and hasn't returned any of my calls. Yesterday, I left him a message, asking why he's been blowing me off for two weeks. I haven't heard back yet.

I'm really hurt by this.
Brad was the first guy I
ever dated, and now I'm
afraid something must
be terribly wrong with
me. I've been trying to
keep myself busy and forget him,
but I can't. I don't want to date
ever again if this is what it feels

like. How can I get over the hur?

— Heartbroken Hannah

Dear Hannah: Welcome to the
world of dating — some men (and
women) are jerks. Brad may have
felt you were getting to serious,
or he may have met someone
else, but there is no reason to

assume the fault is yours.
Since this was your first dating experience, it's possible you could use some pointers. Ask your closest friends to give you a brutally honest critique of your appear-

ance and your approach.

Consider the "Brad experience"
a way of getting your feet wet.

Dear Annie: While in high school, I could have written the letter from "Look What Followed Me Home in Texas." I, too, had a "tag-along" friend who

Annie's Mailbox

wouldn't leave me and my friends alone even though she was unwanted company. I first politely asked her to go away, and then ignored her. Finally, I thought I could help her develop some needed social skills so someone would want her as a friend. Optimistically, I tried to focus on her good

qualities and stuck up for her when others maligned her. Soon my own friends began to move away from me, and eventually, I felt strangled by her desperation.

I put too much of my energy into trying to help her while important years of my high school life went by. And in the end, I was no help to her at all. I decided to separate myself from this girl, and in the effort, I, too, was mean after all else failed. One day, I after a least a side, but it worked I never saw her after that, and I felt I'd had a hundred-pound sack of problems lifted from my back.

— Glad To Be Free

Dear Glad: We appreciate your honesty and agree that you aren't obligated to be friends with everyone. We only wish you had found a kinder way to extricate yourself, instead of piling additional hurt on this unfortunate girl.

Dear Annie: My wife died several years ago. At a recent bereavement meeting, we were asked to bring a love letter or note written to or from our loved note written to or from our loved read a short note my wife wrote me on our 40th anniversary, but surprisingly, very few people had anything. I then asked who had received comments written on birthday or anniversary cards, and one woman said, "My husband always signed his cards," With much love." Another found one or her husband's notes

I wish I had more than the dozen handwritten notes from my wife that I read, clutched and now cherish.

— A Grieving Husband Dear Grieving Husband: The art of the handwritten letter has

art of the handwritten letter has gone the way of the Pony Express, and you have eloquently pointed out what has been lost. Our condo-

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# What the heck? Blasphemies lose their bite

#### Attitudes ease toward use of religious terms

BY JEFFREY WEISS The Dallas Morning News

A chance remark can reveal a heck of a lot more than we intend. Last month, the editor of the Jewish weekly newspaper The Forward defended the inclusion of Madonna on the paper's annual list of most influential Jews in America But isn't she Catholic? "She's a practitioner of the Kabbalah, so she's practicing Judaism, for Christ's sake!" the editor. J.J. Goldberg, told the New York Daily News. "Well, not really for Christ's sake."

Most Americans would be amused by that line. Some would find it offensive. Either way, it's more than just a punch line: The editor of a Jewish newspaper can invoke the Christian deity without initially considering the literal meaning. And a major daily newspaper will print the quote as delivered.

Where has blasphemy gone, for Pete's sake? For many of us, the cultural taboos that made the colorful use of faith-linked words so dangerously satisfying have mostly vanished. And like Goldberg most of us don't think about the original connections when searching for words to shout when we want to add an oral exclamation

On the other hand, the words retain enough mojo that darned near any American who whacks his thumb is likely to sprinkle religious references among the words for family members, body

parts and bodily functions. Or as David Letterman said on his show recently: "Holy crap!"

There's evidence that human brains are hard-wired into using taboo words as emotional escape valves - the more taboo, the more effective.

Tourette Syndrome is a brain disorder that includes involuntary shouting of obscenities.

They will tell you, if I say '(sexual term involving a parent),' it makes me feel better than when I say 'darn,' " said Timothy Jay, author of "Why We Curse" and a psychology professor at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. And which words are consid-

ered most taboo can offer an emotional X-ray into the core values of a person or a people. "It tells you what a culture

thinks is acceptable and what's not," said Reinhold Aman, editor of the scholarly "Maledicta: The International Journal of Verbal Aggression" and a onetime professor of medieval literature.

By that measure, the sacred is

#### What's the bleeping difference?

Experts describe different kinds of taboo words found in every

■ Obscenity generally refers to sexual activity

■ Vulgarity generally refers to non-sexual bodily functions. Blasphemy generally refers to aspects of God, saints or other sacred topics. ("Damn," and "hell," mild by today's standards, were

once considered blasphemous.) We don't have a specific name for nasty — but not obscene or vul-gar — terms aimed at family members: "Yer muddah wears Army

no longer most sacred in Ameri-

Sex, bodily functions and family, it seems, are more sensitive topics than religion, based on the relative frequency of use - and prohibitions against polite use of various kinds of swear words.

The sacred and profane are an odd pairing in most contexts, but stand comfortably together in foul language in most cultures That's partly because they both pull concepts where polite society says they don't belong, said Geoffrey Nunberg, author of "Going Nucular: Language, Politics, and Culture in Controversial Times' and a researcher at Stanford University's Center for the Study of Language and Information.

Obscenity takes bedroom and bathroom activities and drags them out into the living room, he - The Dallas Morning News

said. Blasphemy, on the other hand, hauls heaven down into the Both feel satisfyingly "wrong" when we want to vent our frustra

common world

one will use.

Faith words are still a vital part of the salty lexicon in the United States and other countries. The specific words used shift from nation to nation And as with Goldberg, individual beliefs don't necessarily tip off what words some-

There was a time when using religious language in the wrong place or manner could get you thrown in the stocks or even burned at the stake.

The longtime prohibitions against "bad words" fueled a dizzying array of euphemisms.

Heck and Sam Hill stand in for hell. Pete takes the place of God, as in "For Pete's sake." (There is no link to St. Peter, word experts say). Good golly originally had nothing to do with Miss Molly.

Like gosh and gad, golly is a safer word for "God." Jiminy Christmas, Jeez Louise, Judas Priest and even the Crocodile Hunter's "Crikey!" soften the straightforward J.C.

But if pop culture is an indicator the need for eunhemisms has

Broadcast TV remains more cautious than many other cultural outlets. While "Oh my God!" can be heard virtually anywhere in nrime time ads are still a blasphe. my-free zone.

my-free zone.

Cable, from "The Sopranos" to
"Bill Maher," bars few if any
words. Comedy Channel's
taboo-shredding "South Park" words. Comedy Channel's taboo-shredding "South Park" started as a short that featured a wrestling match between Jesus and Santa Claus.

Movie ratings also indicate a softening of attitudes, said Jim Wall, the former editor of Christian Century, who is a longtime adviser to the appeals board of the Motion Picture Association of America.

The softening of standards or degradation, depending on your point of view — can be traced to the salty language of soldiers coming home from World War II, Aman said. Vietnam, and the challenges to all authority during that era, gave another boost to blasphemy and obscenity filtering into standard use.

## Migrants' faith plays a role in trips to the United States

BY ANABELLE GARAY The Associated Press

ALTAR, Mexico - Along a northbound dirt road, a young couple clad in jeans and T-shirts jumps out of an idling van and walks toward the path's edge, making for a concrete box with an ornate. wrought-iron cross perched on top.

Dozens of candles - some lit, some melted, some broken - are crammed inside the 5-foot-high makeshift altar, along with statues of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Jude, patron saint of lost causes.

As the couple kneels before the display with bowed heads, a little boy runs out of the van and kisses the ground

The humble spot some 60 miles south of the Mexico-Arizona border serves as one of the last places where migrants worship before being shuttled to spots where they will attempt to slip illegally into the United

On their trek for economic survival, migrants traveling through the treacherous Arizona desert also find themselves embarking on a religious journey. Many rely on faith to sustain them through the trip's perils, stopping to pray at icons or lighting votive candles to remember those who died along the way.

Before jumping aboard moving cargo trains during the trip north, 29-year-old Carlos Enrique Cano Vanega and other Central Americans he was traveling with would pray by the side of the tracks

"We began to entrust ourselves to God

and asked that he would keen us safe " said Cano, a Honduran man who had journeyed to this Mexican community recently in preparation for an attempted trip to the United States.

People everywhere will often seek spiritual comfort during troubled times. And culturally. Latin Americans identify themselves as religious, even if they don't attend services regularly, said Jacqueline gration Research at the University of Hous-

In the case of poor immigrants, reliance on faith is even heavier because they have

virtually no other resources, Hagan said. "The only recourse they have is to turn to religion, and that's all they really have on the road as well." she said.

Before embarking on the trek into the United States, indigenous residents of the Guatemalan highlands seek counsel about whether to make the trip and when to go from evangelical pastors or the Black Christ, a dark-skinned depiction of Jesus common in parts of Latin America, Hagan

"Religion is their spiritual passport in the absence of authorization," she said. "They get sanctioned by God to do this." For Cano and others on the train, read-

ing the New Testament to each other brought comfort. 'You feel something ... you feel safer

than being out there" without anything to sustain you, he said at a migrant shelter in Altar, a city that serves as a popular stag-



Two migrants light candles at an altar along the toll road to Sasabe, Mexico, on Sept. 30 in Altar, Mexico. The altar, crammed with candles and statues, is one of the last places migrants can stop and worship before traveling the dirt road used mainly for shuttling migrants to various spots where they will attempt to enter the United States.

ing area for migrants planning to cross the horder at Arizona

Migrants setting out on foot for the Arizona desert are often ill-equipped for the tough terrain and the lack of water, shade or roads. They don't know much about the desert, the frigid cold in the winter and searing heat during the summer; the snakes and spiders; and the bandas de bajadores, or rip-off crews hiding in wait for

Once they reach their destinations many will again frequent a church or shrine to offer thanks for their arrival.

And even if they don't make their destination before being caught and sent back, migrants often attribute how far they made it to religious intervention. Hagan said.

Many of the men who stay at the migrant shelter in Altar have been caught trying to enter the United States. With nowhere to rest or eat and hardly any money left, they wait there in the hones that they can attempt another crossing, said coordinator Francisco Garcia

Many tell Garcia, "Si Diosito quiere, lo voy a volver a hacer." ("If the Good Lord is willing, I'm going to do it again.")





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25. Marquette (14-3) lost to DePaul 85-72. Next: vs. Charlotte, Saturday.

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UC Irvine 78, Long Beach St. 58
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Utah Valley St. 6, Texas A&M-Corp. Christi 73
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#### AP Women's Top 25 fared

1. Duke (18-1) did not play, Next at No. 9 North Carolina, Monday, Jan. 24. 2. LSU (17-1) beat Arkansas 91-45. Next at No. 17 Vanderbill, Sunday. 1. Onlo State (18-2) beat Indiana 52-30. Markansas 19-10 did not play, Next at No. 15 Texas, Saturday.

S. Stanford (16-2) beat No. 25 UCLA 100-75.

6. Budger (13-3) beat Providence 7-40.

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18. Compactified (11-4) did not play, Next. 24-70.

vs. Seton Hall, Saturday. 14. Boston College (13-2) beat West Virgin-ia 76-75. Next: at Providence, Sunday. 15. Texas (9-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 15. Texas (9-6) did not play, next: VS. NO. 9 Baylor, Saturday, 16. Maryland (13-3) beat Virginia 63-60. Next: vs. North Carolina State, Sunday, 17. Vanderbilt (13-4) lost to Mississippi 66-60. Next: vs. No. 2, LSU, Sunday, 18. DePaul (13-3) did not play. Next: at Tu-

18. DePaul (13.3) did not play, Kect at Tu-lane, Friday. 13. lorgo State (+1) did not play, Next vs. 13. lorgo State (+1) did not play, Next at No. 10 Texas Fech, Saturday, 21. Geoggia (£45) did not play, Next at Mis-21, Geoggia (£45) did not play, Next at Mis-22, lorgo (£45) did not play, Next at Mis-22, lorgo (£43) did not play, Next at No. 24 prufue, Sunday. 26. Next vs. Florida State, Monday, Jan. 24. Purdue (10-7) lost to Penn State 77-54. Next: vs. No. 22 lowa, Sunday. 25. UCLA (11-6) lost to No. 5 Stanford 100-75. Next: at California, Saturday.

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Cabrini 71, Penn St.-Berks 54
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Concordia, NY, 53, CW. Post 49
Delaware 63, Towson 52
Dickinson 71, Franklin & Marshall 60 Dickinson 71, Franklin & Marshall 60 Drewel 64, Va. Commonwealth 56 E. Connecticut 72, Coast Guard 63 E. Connecticut 72, Coast Guard 63 Fairmort 81, 75, Ohlo Valley 66 Feliclan 69, Dominican, NY. 60 Ferris St. 74, Gannon 69 Ferris St. 74, Gannon 69 Grand Valley St. 73, Mercyhurst 28 Hoty Family 85, Caldwell 62 Long Island U. G., Mount St. Mary's, Md. 57 Loyla, Md. 76, Rider 65 Marst 65, Farlield 50 Configuration Co. Montreet. Warry & Mon. Martine Co. Farination Generalized Science (1997) and Martine Co. Farination Generalized Science (1997) and McChanel T. Johns Reported 35 McChanel T. Johns Reported 35 McChanel T. Johns Report Science (1997) and McChanel T. Johns Report Science (1997) and McChanel T. Johns Report More Co. Martine Co. SOUTH
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## Golf

#### **Buick Invitational**

Thursday At Torrey Pines South, 7,568 yards At Torrey Pines North, 6,574 yards San Diego Purse: 54.8 million Par: 72 (36-36) First Round

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Sergio Garcia
Zach Johnson
Ben Curtis
Tiger Woods
Shigeki Maruyama
Scott Simpson
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Kent Jones
Omar Uresti
Hunter Mahan
Bradley Hughes
Vijay Singh
Tommy Armour III
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Ian Poulter
Hunter Haas
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Greg Owen
D.J. Brigman
James Driscoll
Bill Haas
Brandt Jobe
Alex Cejka
Billy Mayfair

Joe Durant Franklin Langham

Jay Haas Rory Sabbatini

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#### Thursday's transactions

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BASEBALL

American League

ANAHEM ANGELS—Named Bryn Smith
pitching coach and Dino Ebel manager of
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Boykin manager of Rancho Cucamonga of
the California League, Tom Kotchman manager of Orem of the Pioneer League and

Craig Grebeck hitting coach for Mesa of the uraig Grebeck hitting coach for Mesa of the Arizona Fall League. DETROIT TIGERS—Named Tom Brookens manager of Oneonta of the New York-Penn League. KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with INF Denny Hocking on a minor league contract.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jeff Niemann on a five-year contract.

National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Named Vinent Cassandro director of research for

cent Cassandro director of research for baseball operations. ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with 28 Marcus Giles on a one-year contract. SKETEALL MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Signed F John Thomas to a 10-day contract. Women's National Basketball Association MUDISTON COMETS—Named Tom Cross Gilescond Comets—Named Tom Comets—Named Tom Cross Gilescond Comets—Named Tom Comets—Named Tom

HOUSTON COMETS—Named Tom Cross or-rector of player personnel.

American Basketball Association
LONG BEACH JAM—Signed F Jerry Dupree.
Released G Ben Adams, F Joe Buck, G Ramel
Curry, G Kueth Duany, F-C Alvin Jefferson,
G-F Felipe Lopez, C Nick Sheppard and F Mau-

ce Spillers. National Basketball Development League ASHEVILLE ALTITUDE—Signed G Brandii

Knight.
COLUMBUS RIVERDRAGONS—Signed G
Kevin Braswell. FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS—Named Perry Fewell de

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Named Jim Caldwell assistant head coach. well assistant head coach.

MINNESOTA YKINKGS - Named Steve Loney
offensive coordinator.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS - Signed CB
Jonathan Cox, RB - Ahmaad Galloway, LB
Howard Hodges, WR Ruvell Martin, WR Carl
Morris, RB Calvin Murray, C Isaiah Ross and
TE-LS Danny Young to one-year contracts
and allocated them to NFL Europe. Signed T
Carlos Joseph and WR Willie Quinnie to

ne-year contracts.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Named Aaron

TAMPA bat become
Kromer senior assistant.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
CHICAGO FIRE—Signed D C.J. Brown to a CHICAGO FIRE—signed of the bound of the multiyear contract.

D.C. UNITED—Traded G Doug Warren to New England for a fourth-round pick in the 2006 draft.

FC DALLAS—Announced Feyenoord of the Dutch Eredivisie has purchased the contract

of D Cory Gibbs. METROSTARS—Named Ernesto Motta se nior director of Hispanic communications, Paul Byrne senior manager of operations, Lindsay Daywalt senior marketing manager and Brian Picinic grassroots marketing man-ager.

## Brady has been in Roethlisberger's shoes

## Patriots QB, two-time Super Bowl MVP, excelled when he got in lineup

BY DAVE GOLDBERG

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH - When Tom Brady started the AFC championship game here three years ago. he was a second-year quarterback who had barely gotten on the field as a rookie.

So he knows what Ben Roethlisberger faces when the Pittsburgh Steelers play the New England Patriots in Sunday's conference title

"It was my second year but my first year as a player," Brady re-called. "My rookie year there's no way I could have done what he did. I was awful. I couldn't do anything

The Patriots are seeking their third NFL title in four years.

And they enter the game as the favorite even though they lost to the Steelers 34-20 on Oct. 31 and Pittsburgh has won 15 consecutive games

Why are they favored over a team New England coach Bill Belichick and his players repeatedly call "the best team in the NFL?"

Maybe it's because the guys who make the odds and the public that lays down the money has more confidence in Brady's two Super Bowl MVP trophies than in Roethlisberger, whose two interceptions in his first postseason game last week against the New York Jets almost led to Pittsburgh's elimination. However, Big Ben's season has

been the most successful ever for

a rookie quarterback. In Brady's eyes, Roethlisberger is already all grown up.

"I wish I didn't lose a game this Brady said. "Maybe I should get some pointers from him '

Roethlisberger became a starter in the third game after Tommy Maddox was hurt in a loss in Baltimore - the Steelers' only defeat of the season. He went on to shatter the record for consecutive victories (six) by a rookie QB, winning 14 straight and becoming the first quarterback to be voted offensive rookie of the year. At that position, rookies either struggle or sit.

There were different expects tions when each arrived in the

Brady was a sixth-round pick after starting at Michigan only in his senior year.

As a rookie in 2000, he threw three passes, completing one for 6 yards and was considered a long-range project - at best. He was behind Drew Bledsoe, seemingly locked into the starter's spot; veteran journeyman John Friesz, and the much more athletic Michael Bishon.

But he moved up to No. 2 behind Bledsoe the next year and became the starter when Bledsoe was injured in the second game He went on to lead the Patriots to a Super Bowl victory and was voted the game's MVP after leading a last-minute drive that led to Adam Vinatieri's game-winning field goal.



New England Patriots OB Tom Brady (12), a sixth-round draft pick, capitalized on his opportuni ty to play when Drew Bledsoe was injured early in the 2001 season.

Brady was MVP again last year in a 32-29 victory over Carolina and is often compared to Joe Montana because of his calm under Neither was a pressure. first-round pick (Montana was a third-rounder) and neither has the powerful arm of John Elway, Dan Marino - or Roethlisberger for that matter.

Roethlisberger, a mobile 6 feet 5. 241 pounds, was a first-round pick, 11th overall from Miami of Ohio and the third quarterback taken last April after Eli Manning and Philip Rivers.



Pittsburgh Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger has won his first 14 starts, an NFL record for a rookie. He's also the first QB to be cho-

He got his chance right away but broke in slowly as the defense and running backs Duce Staley and Jerome Bettis carried the

But he performed when he had to, leading late drives to beat Dallas and Jacksonville and his pass er rating of 98.1 was fifth in the NFL behind only Peyton Manning, Daunte Culpepper, Drew Brees and Donovan McNabb.

"It's not like he is 14th in the league or anything," Belichick says, "He is up there at the top with and above a lot of guys who have a lot more experience. I

stand there and hand the ball off to Bettis and Staley. He makes plenty of plays himself in that of-But that was before last week

Against the Jets, Roethlisberger had an interception returned for a touchdown. He threw another that gave New York a shot at a game-winning field goal — Doug Brien missed from 43 yards and the Steelers ended up winning in overtime. Meanwhile, the Patriots shut down Peyton Manning and high-scoring Indianapolis 20-3 in the snow at Foxboro with

Brady his usual efficient but unspectacular self. Sunday's game will be a test of Roethlisberger's resilience - he says it took just 10 minutes to put last week's game behind him. (It would have been a lot longer had the Steelers lost).

"You can't afford to feel like a rookie," he said. "If I go out and play like a mokie this week like I did last week, we'll definitely lose

the game." Brady had his ups and downs in his first playoff season - his "rookie" year as a starter.

In his first postseason game, he "fumbled" in the snow of Foxboro with the Patriots trailing Oakland by 3 points in the final minutes. But the fumble was negated by the infamous "tuck rule" replay. the Patriots tied it and Brady was 6-for-6 in overtime to set up a game-winning field goal by Vinatieri

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#### How the Patriots and Steelers match up:

PITTSBURGH — Matchups for Sunday's AFC championship game between the New England Patriots and the Pittsburgh Steel-

WHEN THE PATRIOTS HAVE THE RALL WHEN THE PATRIOTS NAVE THE BALL Steelers OB Ben Roethlisberger (7) has an unequaled 14-0 record to start his careful steelers of the property of the steelers of the steelers

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with sacked Brady three times. Much has been made of New England's billity to adapt without injured CBs Ty Law and Tyrone Poole, yet the Steelers having the many through the same thing without injured Nasey Hampton and LB Kendrell Bell (97) heir top two run stuffers. Bell hasn't played in nearly two months and won't start Sun-day, NT Chris Hoke (76) sat for three years without playing a game, but has been hout playing a game, but has been so id the Patriots may need to support sec-l-year **C Dan Koppen (67)** with an extra ker to defend him. WHEN THE STEELERS HAVE THE BALL

The matchup of the game. If Roethlisberg-er attemnts the off-balance, ill-conceived

throws that led to two interceptions by the Jets — one for a touchdown — the Steeters among certainty cart win, but fig Ben has from poor games with excellent consultations of the steeter of the steete

Dut Steeler's coach Bill Cowner said New En-gland's schemes are no more complex than any other Roethlisberger has seen. And Burress, Pro Bowl WR Hines Ward (86) and speedy slot receiver Antwaan Randle El (82) create matchup problems for Gay, safe-ty-turned-comerback Asante Samuel (22), Earthwind Moreland (29) and Brown.

Earthwind Moreland (29) and Brown.
Still, the Steelers offense has been slowed of late, with only seven touchdowns in seven games. Roethlisherger has seven interceptions and four touchdowns in four games after throwing 12 TD passes and only four interceptions in his first 10 starts.

New England will be at a big di if disruptive DE Richard Seymou go because of a sore knee.

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Outside linebackers Willie McGinest (55) and Mike Vrabel (50) likely will be needed in run support, and playmaking LB Tedy Bruschi (54) will spend considerable time dealing with run-block specialist fullback Dan Kreider (35). ider (35) SPECIAL TEAMS pecial teams decided New Eng 7 victory in the January 2002 AF ne in Pittsburgh, when Brown son

a punt return through the middle of the Steelers' coverage and the Patriots also scored on a blocked filed-goal attempt. Last week, three defenders overran the Jets' Santana Moss on a 75-yard punt return score — the first against Pittsburgh since Browns, punt return scores in each of the Steelers' last four home playoff games, three by the opposition.

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#### AFC CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday, Jan. 23 at Heinz Field

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from playing in their third Super Bowl in four seasons. The Steelers are looking for payback from a loss at the hands of the Patriots in the 2001 AFC championship game at Heinz Field



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# Steelers backs want to atone for failures

## Bettis, Staley both know feeling of losing in conference championships

BY ALAN ROBINSON
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — If Duce Staley needed a team that could sympathize with his three consecutive NFC championship game losses, the Pittsburgh Steelers

When Staley moved cross-state from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh as a free agent early last year, he went from one team determined to prove it wasn't a big-game failure to another.

The Steelers are 1-3 since 1995 as a home-field favorite in AFC championships — a record not quite as bad as the Eagles', but close. No wonder the Eagles, who play Atlanta on Sunday, and the Steelers are desperate to avoid fourth lose each as they play host

to the two conference title games.
"He's focused in on this game,"
running back Jerome Bettis said
of Staley's role in Sunday's Patriots-Steelers AFC championship.
"He thinks it's his best opportuni-

Staley, a three-time 1,000-yard rusher in Philadelphia, left after his carries were cut by two-thirds last season amid a three-back rotation. He was Pittsburgh's primary runner when the season started, with four 100-yard games in a five-game stretch before he injured a hamstring Oct. 31 against New England. Bettis. the No. 5 rusher in NFL

history but mostly a goal-line specialist until Staley got hurt, stepped in with seven 100-yard games in as many starts.

Whatever disappointment Staley felt in at least temporarily losing his job has been tempered by his friendship with Bettis. With the Super Bowl just one victory away, he also doesn't want to disrupt an unimaginably good season that has seen the Steelers win a club-record 15 in a

"This wouldn't work on a lot of teams — two guys that love the ball, two guys that want the ball, two guys that are competitive,"

Staley said.

To Bettis, it's worked because both have put their egos aside at key moments: Bettis when he was benched to start the season, Staley when Bettis remained the starter even after Staley was healthy again.

Staley had only 123 yards in three games during the second half of the season, but had 54 yards on 11 carries in Pitts burgh's 20-17 overtime playoff victory over the Jets on Saturday. He took over in the fourth quarter after Bettis developed leg cramps

The 255-pound Bettis will start against New England, but coach Bill Cowher said the 242-pound

Staley will play in the first half.
"You have two guys who understand the situation and the gravity of it, who do not want to derail the train because of egos," Bettis

said

Staley ran for 125 yards and Bettis had 65 in Pittsburgh's 34-20 victory Oct. 31 that ended New England's record 21-game winning streak. The Steelers again want to pound the two power backs behind All-Pro lineme Alan Fancea and Jeff Hartings, to force the Patriots to commit extra defenders to the run and create opportunities for rook-ie Ben Roethlisberger to throw.

"You really have to bring your



Pittsburgh Steelers running back Jerome Bettis (36) started the season as a backup used in goal-line situations but rushed for at least 100 yards in each of his seven starts when Duce Staley was injured.



Running back Duce Staley (22) left the Philadelphia Eagles, losers of three straight NFC title games, for the Pittsburgh Steelers, who since 1995 are 1-3 as a home-field favorite in AFC championship games.

lunch when you tackle these guys because they are so big," Patriots linebacker Tedy Bruschi said.

"We are going to have to stop the run to win this game. They are going to roll Bettis at us. They are going to roll Staley at us."

Getting the running game going is the Steelers' No. 1 priority, especially since Patriots star Corey Dillon has three 100-yard games in his past four starts. He ran for 144 yards in a 20-3 victory

Sunday over the Colts.

Dillon "has provided an awful lot to this team and an awful lot for the offense," quarterback Tom Brady said. "Last week's game, he really controlled the whole game with the way he ran and the way those offensive linemen blocked for him."

Dillon missed the previous game in Pittsburgh, with predictable results: The Steelers outrushed the Patriots 221-5, and New England's six rushing attempts were the fewest for an NFL team in 71 years.

Dillon had only two 100-yard performances in 13 games against the Steelers while with Cincinnati, and none in his past seven starts

While the Steelers can return to the Super Bowl for only the second time in 25 years by winning, Faneca said they can't make up for their 24-17 upset loss to New England in the January 2002 AFC title game in Pittsburgh.

"What's payback?" Faneca said. "They beat us, won the Super Bowl and got Super Bowl rings. Beyond meeting them back at the bus, we can't take their rings."

### **QBs:** Brady, Roethlisberger pile up wins, not statistics

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The next week in Pittsburgh, he injured his ribs in the first half against the Steelers and Bledsoc relieved him and threw for the Patriots' only offensive touchdown in a 24-17 win. Brady was back for the Super Bowl, led the Patriots on the Patriots on an upset over St. Louis and considerable of the Patriots of the P

The Patriots set a record with 21 straight wins — 18 in the regular season — before the loss in Pittsburgh.

They have done it with everyone on the roster making big plays — especially Willie McGinest, Tedy Bruschi, Mike Vrabel and Richard Seymour on defense and Corey Dillon and five wide receivers on offense.

But when starters go down, others step up — like wide receiver Troy Brown, who had a punt return for a touchdown in the title game in Pittsburgh three years ago. Brown plays offense, special teams and is a third cornerback because both starters are out.

The Steelers averaged 154 rushing yards a game in the regular season, second in the league. Their defense allowed the fewest points and the fewest yards as James Farrior had a career year at linebacker and second-year safety Troy Polamalu emerged as a plawnaker.

But quarterback is a glamour position, so Brady and Roethlisberger are likely to get the credit. Or blame

This business is about being countable," Steelers coach Bill Cowher said of Roethlisberger, who made no excuses for last week's mistakes. "To admit when you haven't done well is not a sign of weakness. It's a sign of strength. Sometimes you're going to have a bad game. But you learn from it, you move on, you grow

### By DAVE GOLDBERG

The Pittsburgh Steelers got some extra motivation when odds were released for the AFC championship game: They were 3-point underdogs to New England despite having the NPL'S best record, despite being at home and despite having beaten the Patriots.

Some were surprised by the perceived slight, given that Pittsburgh carries a 15-game winning streak into Sunday.

The Steelers love it, though. What's better than being able to trot the old "We get no respect" line? In other words, no one wants to be the favorite.

"They deserve it," Pittsburgh cornerback Chad Scott says.

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"They're the champions. They played very well against the Colts and we just barely beat the Jets. That's why they're favored."

True, though the odds seem to ignore the Steelers' 34-20 victory over the Patriots on Oct. 31. Then again, the Patriots played that game without Corey Dillon, who ran for 144 yards against Indianapolis last weekend.

This is the first time the visiting team is favored in the AFC title game since the 1997 season, when Denver was favored by 2½ at Pittsburgh. The Broncos won 24-21 and went on to win the Super Bowl.

Minnesota was a 2-point road favorite against the New York Giants four years ago in the NFC and that didn't work very well: The Giants won 41-0.

Being underdog is extra motivation for Pittsburgh

In Patriots-Steelers, the spread reflects the quarterbacks.

Tom Brady has been the Super Bowl MVP in two of his three seasons as New England's starter, while the Steelers' Ben Roethlisberger is a rookie whose two interceptions almost did in his team last week against the Jets.

Yes, Roethlisberger is 14-0, far better than any rookie quarterback ever fared in the league, and he was a unanimous choice for NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year. But "rookie" and "championship" are words that don't mesh. And yes, the Patriots' party line about Pittsburgh is, "We're playing the best team in the league."

Not until proven otherwise. ... PATRIOTS, 20-19.

Atlanta (plus 5) at Philadelphia: The Eagles demonstrated in their win over Minnesota last week that they don't need Terrell Owens to be effective on offense. That game also showed why Philadelphia lost its third straight NFC title game last season — they didn't have Brian Westbrook, who like Owens is a threat from

anywhere on the field.

The Falcons have a guy like that too

His name is Michael Vick and he plays quarterback with his legs as much as with his arm. In fact, he might be the answer to the Eagles' blitzes: They might be able to get by blockers, but Vick is an escape artist like no one

else.
Still, no one man can beat Philadelphia by himself. And Donovan McNabb is a pretty good escape artist at QB for the Eagles.

The Eagles probably have the most to fear from their own psyche — those three straight losses have their fans scared. But Philadelphia should win this one, especially if it snows, as is forecast. The Falcons are an indoor team, and indoor team have trouble in elements (see, Minnesota above).

Unless Vick is even more slippery on slippery footing.

Dephably not ... EAGLES,

24-13. Last week: 3-1 (spread), 3-1

(straight up).

Playoffs: 5-3 (spread), 4-4 (straight up).

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### **History:** Title games haunt **Philadelphia**

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Last year, Carolina came to Philadelphia, ignored the elements and stunned the Eagles 14-3. Two years ago, Tampa Bay closed out Veterans Stadium with a 27-10 win, its first playoff victory when the temperature was under 40 degrees. In 2002, the Eagles lost at St. Louis 29-24

"This is a totally different team different players, different philosophies," said running back Brian Westbrook, who missed last year's playoffs with an injury 'We're going in with a fresh attitude and we're ready to play.

"We have some pressure. We put that pressure on ourselves because we want to win. Anytime you expect a lot of success, you're going to put a little bit of pressure on yourself. I don't think as a team we feel any pressure from anybody else except from the people that we have inside our own locker room."

The Eagles can't afford to be uptight this time. They realize another loss would be devastating for a city that is starved for a winner Philly hasn't celebrated a major championship since the 76ers won the NBA title in 1983, and the city hasn't had an NFL title since 1960

Fans have pinned their hopes on the beloved football team. But considering how often teams seem to come up short here, no one is planning a parade down Broad Street just yet. "I want to win this for myself.

but I would love to see those peo-



The Eagles' Brian Dawkins says. "I want to win this for myself."

ple have a great time after that victory, because they have definitely supported us through some real tough times when we were trying to get to the position we're in." Eagles All-Pro safety Brian Dawkins said.

Atlanta fans know a little about heartbreaking losses. The Braves have won an unprecedented 13 consecutive division titles, but only one World Series champion-

ship in that span. The Falcons made it to the Super Bowl five years ago, with two players - Pro Bowl lineback er Keith Brooking and backup defensive lineman Travis Hall - remaining from the team's only

Atlanta upset the Vikings in Minnesota to reach the 1999 Super Bowl, before losing to Den-

One stat working in the Falcons' favor: Since 1990, the No. 1 seed is just 8-6 in the NFC championship.

"It was great for them in '98, but that was still a long time ago and it was a different team. We want to go to the Super Bowl " linebacker Chris Draft said. "That's our ultimate goal. So if we don't get there, that's not good enough. Same goes for the Eagles -

## McKay key to Falcons' fortunes

After rift with Gruden, GM turned Atlanta into a winner

BY STEVE SPRINGER

Los Angeles Times FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. - It

was a clash of wills that threatened to tear apart the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. On one side was coach Jon

Gruden, once the boy wonder of coaching, a renowned workaholic so confident in his own philoso phy and methods that he walked out on Al Davis, rather than submit to the Raider way.

On the other side was general manager Rich McKay, whose claim to fame in his younger years was that he was the son of legendary Southern Cal coach John McKay.

Whom would you take? The Glazer family, owners of the Buccaneers, cast their lot with Gruden. Arthur Blank, owner of the Atlanta Falcons, hired McKay away in December 2003.

A year later, the Buccaneers, winners of a Super Bowl only two years ago, finished at the bottom of their division - where they had been through much of their existence - having gone 5-11.

The Falcons, 5-11 and last in their division a year ago, went 11-5 and will play the Eagles on Sunday in Philadelphia in the NFC championship game.

Is McKay just one lucky guy, fortunate to be in the right place at the right time? Nobody around the Falcons, or

in the corridors of NFL headquarters, thinks so. Nobody talks about good fortune or coincidence when McKay's name comes up.

Having built a Super Bowl winner in Tampa Bay and then rebuilt the Falcons in one year. McKay has an image so strong that, when speculation turns to a possible successor for NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, the first name on

"It doesn't happen because the guy was lucky," said Reggie Roberts. Falcons vice president of communications. "It happened because the guy is in charge of foot ball operations and knows what he is doing?

most lists is Rich McKay's.

McKav isn't about to get into a public feud with Gruden, and he's not about to pat himself on the back either

"It's nice to hear some of the things people say, but I just feel very fortunate to be here," he said. Having co-founded Home Depot, and then spent an estimat-

ed \$545 million to buy the Falcons, Blank knows about high finance But he also knows that what he doesn't know is football personnel "I knew the best thing I could do was to hire the right people. Blank said, "I know where I be

Not in the general manager's chair, making trades or picking draft choices. So Blank began his search for someone who could effectively fill that seat.

'The name that constantly surfaced as being one of the tops in the league was Rich McKay, Blank said. Thus began a long courtship.

When Gruden was hired, without McKay's being consulted, McKay started to talk seriously

It soon became increasingly obvious that he and Gruden had different views of the future.

"I'm not going to badmouth him, but his approach and mine were very different." McKay said. Where the franchise was going philosophically didn't fit in with my vision. He had done a great job as coach of getting us over the top. I thought it was better if the general manager moved on.

Having inherited the league's worst defense, McKay signed Jim Mora Jr., who had never been a head coach, but had been a defensive specialist as an assistant.

Under McKay, the Falcons got rid of several players who they said lacked the right attitude, and switched from a 3-4 to a 4-3 defensive alignment. Atlanta went on to lead the league in sacks for the first time in its history and moved up to 14th in defense this season. There were 25 new names on

this year's roster, but the biggest change, says one organization figure after another, is the attitude. And the 45-year-old McKay.

Said Roberts, "He's super smart, with an Ivy League (Princeton) education, but he never puts on a face that says, 'I'm smarter than you.' He can mix with corporate CEOs, but he can also be one of the boys and that's what endears him to the players.' And to Blank

"The important thing is not just the rings and the champion-ships," the Falcon owner said. "It's also who was in the boat with you, who was paddling beside von. At the end of the day, we are all human beings."

#### How the Falcons and Eagles match up:

PHILADELPHIA — Matchups for Sunday's IFC championship game between the Atlan-a Falcons and the Philadelphia Eagles: WHEN THE FALCONS HAVE THE BALL

WHEN THE FALCONS HAVE THE BALL
Atlanta is a run-first offense led by a quarterback who is more dangerous using his
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Falcons the league's most profiler ushing attack during the regular season (167 yards

per game)."
Dunn, who ran for 1,105 yards and nine
IDs, is a speedy, elusive back, while Duckett
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stopping the run. But the Eagles showed sigificant improvement after Pro Bowl MLB
eremiah Trotter (53) reclaimed his starting. minuway through the season. Frigid temperatures, windy conditions and a potential snow storm also make it likely Atlanta will stay on the ground. Trotter and DTs Corey Simon (90), Darwin Valker (97) and Hollis Thomas (78) are criti-

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oesignate one player to snadow the QB. Philadelphia has a major edge in the passing matchups with an exceptional secondary that includes three Pro Bowl players: Dawkins, Lewis and CB Lito Sheppard (26). CB Sheldon Brown (24) also had an outstanding season and CB Rod Hood (29) is solid in nickel situations.

nickel situations.

They'll face a mediocre receiving corps in which TE Alge Crumpler (83) poses the biggest threat. Wits Peerless Price (81) and Dev White (89) combined for only 75 catches and five TDs. Crumpler caught 48 passes for 774 yards and six TDs.

only 82 yards in last weekend's 47-17 rout of St. Louis, but ran for 119. He's already faced the Eagles in the playoffs, a 20-6 loss in a second-round matchup two years ago in which ewas held to 30 yards rushing. Vick's scrambling ability could heye be succeeded to the second round matching two second points with the se

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WHEN THE EAGLES HAVE THE BALL

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Westbrook (36). Westbrook, who missed last year's playoffs with an injury, is a playmaker with the 
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McNabb could have success throwing

TIS Chad Lewis (89) and L.I. Smith (82).
McNabb could have success throwing against a secondary that includes CBS DeAngelo Hall (21) and Jason Webster (36) and safeties Bryan Scott (21) and Cory Hall (27). The Falcons gave up 2204 yards passing per game, along with 19 TDs. But Atlanta's defense does a good job of denying the big play and giving up most of its yards in the middle of the field.

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they re not upright, but a loss would be dev-astating.

The Eagles should get a strong boost from the frenzied crowd at "The Linc," where they are 8-1. Bad weather should favor Philly, con-sidering the Falcons play in a dome, but At-lanta's strong running game could offset the

nents. — Bv Rob Maaddi. The Associated Press

#### NEC CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday, Jan. 23 at Lincoln Financial Field

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Rushing	167.0 • 327.0	102.4 • 109.0	105.1 • 77.0	118.9 • 97.0
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RUSHING YARDS	Warrick Dunn (1,106)	Brian Westbrook (812)
RECEIVING YARDS	Alge Crumpler (774)	Terrell Owens (1,200)

SOURCE: National Football League

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## Kearse: Pass-rushing end figures to be Vick's spy

"He's the kind of player that if you break down and try to do anything, he'll make you look so silly, Kearse said. "He'll leave you right there looking so silly. In a lot of situations, we're hoping to try to run through and make him pick a side, and hopefully the rest of our de-fense will be in pursuit to do whatever to contain him or stop him.

"Hopefully, we'll be able to match up speed with speed. I'm not saying in any way that I'm faster than Vick, but I think I can do some pretty good things as far as not letting him get outside and helping (to keep) our defensive backs from covering (him) all

Kearse, 28, lived up to his nick-name, "The Freak," during his five seasons with the Tennessee Titans because of his rare combination of speed and strength. He led Philadelphia this season with sacks despite being double-teamed in most games. Some in the NFL believed Kearse had become overrated in recent years - he produced 36 sacks in his first three seasons but just 19 in

three seasons since - but the Eagles made him their primary defensive target after a 14-3 loss to Carolina in the NFC championship game last January. Coach Andy Reid has repeated praised Kearse's ability to harass a quarterback and alter his rhythm.

Kearse was a persistent nui- In seven NFL seasons, Jevon sance to Minnesoquarterback

Daunte Culpepper - another willing and able runner - last Sunday, but Vick's rushing skills surpass anything seen before at his po sition. He is also a left-handed passer, using a side of the field on rollouts and bootlegs that most quarterbacks do not, so Kearse, a natural left end, likely will be positioned more on the right side to put him in closer striking distance. He is relishing the opportunity to blitz Vick, as well as shadow him when the Eagles think he will run.

"I prefer to do both of them. Kearse said. "I prefer to be a pass rusher if that's what we need, or if we need a spy. I'm ready to do that

The Eagles can ill-afford to allow Vick to get comfortable, and they are intent on pounding him whenever possible. They took a similar approach to Minnesota wide receiver Randy Moss, and he ended up having no impact on the game. Vick will have the ball in his hands on every offensive play and does not shy away from contact, creating ample opportunities to punish him.

"With a guy like Mike, as many times as you can put a hat (helmet) on him, put a hat on him," Eagles Pro Bowl safety Brian Dawkins said, "to make it known and clear that if you do run the

hit. I'm not saying that there's going to be anything done outside the lines, but you have to make sure that it's an emphasis: If you run the ball and you do get some yards, we are looking to tackle with this defense."

Philadelphia defensive coordinator Jim Johnson espouses aggressive packages, and the Falcons expect him to concoct some creative measures to address their three-pronged running attack. Vick is aided by the combination of bulldozing running back T.J. Duckett and the slithery Warrick Dunn, who can turn the slightest cranny into a huge gain. The Falcons ran for 327 yards The Falcons ran for 327 yards against St. Louis last week, giving Johnson much to ponder in prepa ration for Sunday.

"I'm partial; I think (Johnson) is the best in the game at what he does " Reid said "He does such a great job of studying offenses, particularly protections and the schemes. He has anticipation, skills and instincts. A lot of that is from work study and a lot of it he just has. He does a heck of a job. If this defense is at all vulnera-

ble, it is against the run. The Eagles routinely conceded more than yards per game early in the season - Pittsburgh rushed for 252 yards against them in November — but middle linebacker Jeremiah Trotter, who returned to the Bowl after being released by Washington be-



Kearse has 621/2 sacks.

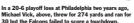
those problems are behind them. "We still won't have a problem (stopping the run)," Trotter repeated Wednesday. won't have a problem." "We still

Trotter, who was credited with seven tackles, a half-sack, an interception and two pass defenses against Minnesota, realizes what type of effort it will take for this defense — which is not particularly large up front - to stop Atlanta

on the ground "I've definitely got to have probably my greatest game ever, and I look forward to doing that," Trot-ter said. "You're definitely going to see myself making a lot more plays than I did last week be cause they do run the ball. The middle linebacker is supposed to make a lot of plays when a team runs the ball on you. I'm looking forward to do that."

Trotter was a part of the Eagles team that lost in the NFC champi onship game to St. Louis in 2002 (29-24), then watched on television the past two years as they fell to Tampa Bay (27-10) and then Carolina. Another loss in the title game would crush Philadelphia's rabid fan base and mark the franchise as the Buffalo Bills of the conference championship game, and Trotter has no intention of losing to an underdog team in the biggest game of the season yet again.







Philadelphia's Donovan McNabb, above, had his best season this year: 64 percent completions, 3,875 vards, 31 touchdowns and only eight interceptions.

## **Revolutionary quarterbacks** blow away all stereotypes

By PAIII. NEWBERRY The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - They are quarterbacks for a new age, transcending racial stereotypes and tossing aside the accepted notions of how the job should be done once the ball is snapped.

Donovan McNabb never viewed the pocket as some protective cocoon, to be defended at all costs. The Philadelphia Eagles' star demonstrated that a 20-yard run sure beats a 10-yard sack. Imagine that

Then along came Michael Vick, who took the door that McNabb nudged open and ripped it from its hinges. The Atlanta Falcons have a quarterback like no one that has come before — an implausible morphing of John Elway's powerful arm, Barry Sand-ers' jittery moves and Deion Sanders' one-gear-higher-than-everyone-else speed.

Now, they meet again, two old friends who've had such a profound impact on the NFL. Get ready for McNabb vs. Vick. The Sequel.

And this time, one of them is going to the Super

"I don't care what sport you're talking about. It don't get no better than this," said Falcons safety Keion Carpenter, who sat out the season with an in-

jury.

The buildup to this enticing matchup showed just how much times have changed since Doug Williams was asked, "How long have you been a black quarterback?

There was plenty of talk about the white stuff snow was predicted in Philly, accompanied by all sorts of theories about its impact on the game. Barely anyone mentioned the color of the two quarterskin, which just happens to be black

Still, this is a socially significant game for quarterbacks of color. For the first time, two black QBs will meet in a conference final. Either McNabb or Vick will go on to become just the third black QB to start in the Super Bowl, following Williams (1988) and Steve McNair (2000).

The one that traces those historic footsteps most likely will be the one who gets the most help from his teammates — particularly if the game bogs down in windy, icy conditions, becoming a battle of attrition that must be won with defense and the fewest mistakes on offense

If nothing else, history shows the folly of turning a game that involves so many into a personal battle between two quarterbacks, no matter how wondrous their talents. Two years ago, McNabb's Eagles hosted Vick's Falcons in a second-round playoff game that had the buildup of a heavyweight fight.

Alas, McNabb had to protect a gimpy ankle, hav-

ing missed the final six games of the regular season,

and Vick struggled against Philadelphia's fearsome defense. The Eagles advanced to the NFC championship game by grinding out a 20-6 victory.

Philadelphia lost the following week to Tampa Bay, the second of what has grown to three straight defeats in the season's penultimate round. Even more galling to the green-clad faithful, the past two

NFC title game losses have come at home. At this point, it's Super Bowl or bust for the Eagles, who carry the hopes — and the weight — of an entire city. Philadelphia hasn't won a major sports championship since the 76ers captured the NBA title in 1983. The Eagles' last NFL crown came in

1960 — six seasons before the Super Bowl was born.
"I don't know who the pressure's on," Vick said, "but I know the pressure's not on us."

McNabb's résumé is impressive - five straight Pro Bowl selections, four straight division titles, six playoff victories — but it's incomplete. As Dan Marino and Jim Kelly can attest, a quarterback gets only so many chances to achieve ultimate greatness in the Super Bowl. Who's to say that McNabb, while only 28 will ever get this close again

Your first goal as a quarterback is to win the Super Bowl," he said. "It's sad sometimes. So many great quarterbacks have played this game ... didn't have the opportunity to win a Super Bowl.
They get overlooked because of that. It's not fair."

Vick is four years younger than McNabb and appearing in the playoffs for the second time. Still, the Atlanta quarterback shows the impatience of youth. He's only two wins from a Super Bowl ring and no offense to his friend — wants to get there first.
"It is the standard," Vick said. "In order to be rec-

nized in this league, you have to get to a Super While these two quarterbacks are linked by their

unconventional styles, there's a definite disparity on

McNahh has run less this season than in any of his revious five years (even 2002, when he played only 10 regular-season games)

While still a threat with his legs - 41 carries for 220 yards and three touchdowns — he spent more time using his arm. It paid off with the best passing numbers of his career: 64 percent completions, 3,875 yards, 31 touchdowns, only eight interceptions.

By comparison, Vick's passing numbers look downright mediocre — 56 percent, 2,313 yards, 14

touchdowns, 12 interceptions - but he isn't measured by the same standard as any other quarterback, even McNabb. Vick is the Falcons' second-leading rusher with

902 yards, and led the NFL with 7.5 yards per carry. At any moment, he is capable of transforming an ordinary play into something spectacular.

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## Head carries No. 1 Illini again in OT victory over No. 23 Iowa

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - Luther Head pulled Illinois through one of its worst games of the season. The senior scored when his

teammates couldn't Thursday night, finishing with 25 points and six steals to lead the top-ranked Illini to a 73-68 overtime victory over No. 23 Iowa.

"Luther was huge," coach Bruce Weber said after his team shot a season-worst 33 percent. "He just did a lot of big things for

Head scored all of the Illini's points during a 12-2 run against the Hawkeves and his driving layup with 40 seconds left in over time helped seal the win. He played 42 minutes and spent the second half defending Iowa's top scorer, Pierre Pierce, who finished with 22 points.

"I'm really tired and I can't wait to go home." Head said. It was the fourth straight game

Head led the Illini (19-0, 5-0 Big Ten) in scoring, and it followed a 26-point effort against Northwestern last Saturday.

"He's a very intelligent player." said Iowa's Greg Brunner. whose drive to the hoop with 3.8 seconds left in regulation tied the score at 65 and forced the overtime. "He knows his strengths, he doesn't do anything outside of that. When you play to your strengths, it's hard to make mis-

Head took control after Illinois' early attempts to attack Iowa inside failed because of missed shots by big men James Augustine and Roger Powell Jr. They wound up a combined 3-for-21 from the field.

A three-pointer with 9:03 to go in the first half triggered Head's



12-point run that put Illinois up 26-18. Another three-pointer by Head gave the Illini a 47-34 lead with 14:41 left in the second half.

But the Hawkeyes (13-4, 1-3) battled back, reeling off 10 straight points during an 18-5 run that tied it at 52-52 with 9:16 remaining

Another three-pointer from Head stopped the run, but the Hawkeyes outscored Illinois 7-1 in the final 1:06 Illinois scored eight points in overtime on six free throws and Head's layup.

"I thought our defense was outstanding, but in the overtime they made six free throws and we made one," Iowa coach Steve Al-ford said. "It really came down to the foul line

Illinois was 23-for-31 from the free-throw line while Iowa was 6-for-12 and the Illini won the rebounding battle, especially on the offensive end where they held an 18-9 advantage. "They killed us on the boards to-

Pierce said. "They had a lot of tip-ins at crucial points in the game and we couldn't finish at the free-throw line. The Illini hit only 22 of 67 shots

from the field and were 6-for-28 from three-point range.

"Maybe we needed a game like this to get a little jolt of energy, Weber said. "If they don't learn a lesson it's going to cost us. They got lucky this time, maybe it will cost us next time.'

San Francisco 73, No. 11 Gonzaga 70: At San Francisco Jerome Gumbs had 18 points and a career-high 13 rebounds, and ing streak to the Zags.

San Francisco improved to 9-0 at home this season behind 10 three-pointers, but they had to hold off a furious comeback attempt in the closing minutes. USF (11-6, 2-2 West Coast Conference) upset a Top-20 opponent for the first time since an 82-69 victory over No. 13 Xavier on Nov. 28, 1998, in the Puerto Rico Shootout.

Derek Raivio scored seven straight points in the final two minutes for the Zags (13-4, 3-2), who pulled to 72-70 on David Pen dergraft's three-pointer with 11.3 seconds left.

Raivio missed from the top of the arc moments before the final

No. 13 Arizona 74. Oregon **66:** At Eugene, Ore., Salim Stoudamire scored 27 points and Channing Frye had 17 to lead the Wildcats past the Ducks.

Hassan Adams added 13 points, six assists and six re-bounds for Arizona (15-3, 5-1 Pac-10), which beat the Ducks (11-4, 3-3) for the fifth straight time. Bryce Taylor led Oregon with 20 points, and Aaron Brooks added 15 points and six assists.

DePaul 85, No. 25 Marguette 72: At Rosemont, Ill., Sammy Meija scored a career-high 26 points and the Blue Demons used a tough defense and 21 offensive rebounds to beat the Golden Ea-

Lorenzo Thompson added a career-high 17 points and Quemont Greer had 15 for DePaul (11-4, 3-1 Conference USA.) Dameor Mason's 24 points paced Marquette (14-3, 2-2) in a rough and physical 100th meeting between the

#### High school scoreboard

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Guam boys basketball Friday's summary Father Duenas Memorial 56, Guam High 43 At Santa Rita, Guam

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### NASCAR makes changes to Daytona 500 qualifying

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. -The unique qualifying format for the season-opening Daytona 500

has been given a facelift The front row for the race Feb. 20 still will be locked in after qualifving. Other than that, it's an all-new procedure for setting the starting lineup for the NASCAR

Nextel Cup event. Series director John Darby announced the changes Thursday, noting that the top 35 in last year's owners' points are assured a spot in the 43-car Daytona lineup. The order will be determined by qualifying on Feb. 13 and by twin 150-mile qualifying races on

Feb. 17. Darby said the starting order for those races, each extended by 25 miles and renamed the Gato

rade Duel, will be set by qualify-The top 35 in points will be divided between the two, with the teams finishing in odd-numbered positions in 2004 in the first race

and the even-numbered finishers in the second Teams that didn't finish in the top 35 will make the twin lineups by virtue of their Daytona qualify

ing. Starting positions in the 500-mile main event will be determined by results of the 150-mil-

Filling out the lineup will be the top two non-top-35 finishers from each of the twin events and the remaining fastest drivers from qual-

NASCAR previously nounced it has eliminated the use of provisional starters in 2005 and will assure the current top 35 in the car-owner points of making each race. The rest of the field at events after Daytona will be filled

through qualifying speeds.

The 43rd spot in the lineup will be held at each race for any former series champion who is not among the top 35 or does not make the field by through speed. At Daytona, that option probably will not be needed because all the active past champs except Terry Labonte and Bill Elliott, who are not entered, are among the top 35.

#### Truex, Kahne lead **Daytona testing**

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. Speeds picked up at Daytona International Speedway as teams

#### Racing briefs

began drafting in packs Thursday on the 21/2-mile oval. Martin Truey Jr and Kasey

Kahne led the way, turning in the top speeds in two weeks of testing for the season-opening Daytona

Kahne, last year's ton NASCAR Nextel Cup rookie, set the pace in the morning practice with a lap of 188.088 mph in an Evernham Motorsports Dodge Charger. Truex, the defending Busch Series champion who will drive a limited Cup schedule in 2005 for Dale Earnhardt Inc., topped the afternoon session with a lap of 188.798 in a Chevrolet.

Prior to Thursday, the fastest lap of the preseason was 186.455. turned in a week ago by Dale Jar rett in a Robert Yates Racing

Drivers who finished odd-numbered positions in the points last season took part in the three-day test last week, with the even-numbered positions testing for three days this week.

Kahne failed to win in his first season of Cup racing but had five runner-up finishes and was competitive throughout the year

#### Cash-strapped Fernandez expects to miss IRL season

MEXICO CITY - Financial problems will keep Adrian Fernandez from driving this year in the Indy Racing League.

"I am faced with the hard fact that I do not have the necessary budget to compete in 2005," he said Thursday on the Fernandez Racing Web site "I am working hard to be able to race again as soon as possible."

The 41-year-old Mexican said he would concentrate on his role as owner of the cars driven by Scott Sharp and Kosuke Matsuu-

Mexican newspapers have re-ported that two of his longtime backers, the Mexican telephone company Telmex and beer brew-Tecate, either dropped or sharply reduced sponsorship this

Fernandez has 11 victories in the IRL or Champ Car series since his debut in 1993. He won three times and finished fifth last year in IRL points.

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## McGrady leads Rockets to victory in return to Orlando

BY MIKE BRANOM

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. - Grant Hill the change in Tracy McGrady's game.

Playing in Orlando for the first time since a bitter parting last summer, McGrady scored 27 points to lead a balanced offense. and the Houston Rockets beat the

Magic 108-99 on Thursday night. "I think he realizes that other guvs getting touches, getting involved early helps closing games out," said Hill, sidelined for almost all of McGrady's stay in Orlando. "It might not be as sexy as scoring 50 ... but you can see the growth on his part.'

Unlike his time in Orlando. when McGrady was often the Magic's first last and only scoring option, his Rockets teammates can help — and he is willing to lean on them

Yao Ming added 20 points, and Bob Sura had 19 points, a season-high 11 rebounds and nine as-David Wesley scored 18, and Juwan Howard 13.

"I didn't want to come out and make it a Tracy McGrady show. jacking up shots and playing outside the offense," said McGrady, who shot 8-for-21, including 1-for-7 on three-pointers, but 1-for-7 made 10 of 12 free throws.

"I was calm and I was in the flow. Whatever Coach called, I ran."

Added Houston coach Jeff Van Gundy: "I thought he struck the right balance. He played the game to win, versus as an individual showcase

The Rockets' team effort translated to the boards, where they scored 28 second-chance points

off 17 offensive rebounds. "Our guys were much more active trying to pursue second shots tonight," Van Gundy said. "The more penetration you get, the more their bigs have to come off to help and/or try to block and

that leaves more opportunities.' Said Orlando coach Johnny Davis: "Against a team like that, you can't allow them to have second shots because they're not really a team that can overwhelm you. But if you allow them second shots, they can be pretty effec-

Yao made his first seven shots, which had to please McGrady. In Orlando, he quickly grew tired of looking inside and seeing

has-beens (Patrick Ewing, Shawn Kemp) and role players (Andrew DeClercq, Michael Doleac)

"Our guys battled him, but he's 9 inches taller, or whatever it is, and shot over the top of them, Davis said. "But they did com-pete against him. He scored, but wasn't easy for him

Steve Francis, the biggest name Orlando received in the McGrady trade, led the Magic with 28 points and nine assists Kelvin Cato, who also came over from Houston, tied his season high with 14 points.

Hill had 21 points on 10-for-16 shooting, the day after an MRI exam on his sore right wrist showed only a bruise. On Tuesday, he scored a season-low eight points on 4-for-14 shooting.

"Part of me thought I shouldn't go," Hill said. "But it's Houston, Steve Francis Mac TNT



Houston Rockets' Tracy McGrady. rear, embraces former teammate Grant Hill of the Orlando Magic after the Rockets beat the Magic 108-99 Thursday night. McGrady scored 27 points in his first game in Orlando since his acrimonious departure from the Magic.

#### NBA scorehoard

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Washington	22	15	.595	51/2			
Orlando	21		.553	7.			
Charlotte	8	27	.229	181/2			
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	Central Division						
Cleveland	23	15	.605	-			
Detroit	23	15	.605	-			
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Chicago	17			91/5			
Milwaukee	13	24	.351	91/2			

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Minnesota	19	19	.500	81/2			
Denver	16	22	421	111/6			
Portland	15	23	395	121/2			
Utah		26	.350	141/2			
Pacific Division							
Phoenix	31	9	.775	-			
Sacramento	27	11	.711	3			
L.A. Lakers	21		.568	81/2			
L.A. Clippers	18	21	.462	121/2			
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Memphis at Utah
Minnesota at Portland
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#### Thursday Rockets 108, Magic 99

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#### Kings 123, Cavaliers 96

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#### **NBA** calendar

Feb. 18-20 — All-Star weekend, Denver. Feb. 24 — Trading deadline, 3 p.m. EST. April 29 — Regular season ends. April 23 — Playoffs begin. June 7-10 — NBA predraft camp, Chicago. June 9 — Earliest possible NBA Finals start

June 21 — Early entry draft withdrawal deadline.

June 23 — Latest possible NBA Finals end date.

June 28 — NBA Draft, New York.

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## Kings top Cavs for sixth straight win

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Mike Bibby had 17 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds for the second triple-double of his career, and the Sacramento Kings shut down LeBron James in their sixth straight victory, 123-96 over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Thursday

Chris Webber had 27 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists for the Kings, who streaked to a big lead in the third quarter with an impressive exhibition of arguably the NBA's best passing offense.

NBA roundup

took control with a 16-5 run early in the with each bas

ket seemingly resulting from an excellent pass or an eye-catching Peja Stojakovic scored 19 points and Cuttino Mobley had 18 while Brad Miller added 16 on 7-for-7 shooting. With Bibby leading the way. Sacramento racked

up 34 assists and had only eight

turnovers in its highest-scoring

Mavericks 99, Clippers 77: At Dallas, Jason Terry scored 11 of his 15 points in the third quarter when Dallas went ahead to stay against struggling Los Angeles.

game of the season.
One night after becoming the

youngest player in NBA history to

get a triple-double, James had 18

points, eight rebounds and six as-

With Avery Johnson coaching while Don Nelson missed his first game after shoulder surgery, the Mavericks went on a 14-6 run over the final 3:44 of the third quarter.

### Hornets trade disgruntled Jackson to Suns

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS - The New Orleans Hornets traded disgruntled journeyman guard Jim Jackson to the Phoenix Suns for three young reserves on Friday.

Phoenix also got a 2005 second-round draft pick for swing man Casey Jacobsen, 23, and forwards Maciej Lampe, 19, and Jackson Vroman, 23.

To make room on the roster, the Hornets waived forward Matt Freije and guard Junior Harrington

Jackson will join his 12th NBA team in 13 seasons. He was ac-quired by New Orleans in late December in a trade that sent longtime Hornets guard David Weslev to Houston. But Jackson refused to report to New Orleans. saying he did not want to play on

a rebuilding team. The Hornets (6-32) suspended Jackson without pay, meaning he has forfeited more than \$302,000 in salary for the 11 games he has

Jackson, 34, was averaging 13.3 points and 4.8 rebounds this season with Houston

In other Hornets news, George Shinn has become sole owner of the team on Friday by purchasing the 35-percent minority share held by Ray Wooldridge.

However, Shinn intends to sell minority shares in the team to Orleans-area investors while maintaining a controlling in-

terest of at least 51 percent. Shinn declined to say how much he paid Wooldridge, but a source familiar with the transaction told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity that the price was about \$70 million.

Wooldridge had reportedly naid \$56 million for a 35 percent stake in the team in July 1999.

#### Woods pleads guilty to abusing dog, is waived by Blazers

OREGON CITY, Ore. - The Portland Trail Blazers waived for-ward Qyntel Woods on Friday, the same day the player pleaded guilty to abusing his pit bull.

Woods, 23, appeared in court to enter the misdemeanor plea, part of an agreement following an investigation into allegations of dog fighting. He was sentenced to 12 months probation and 80 hours of community service.



"In light of today's developments, it is clear that the Trail Blazers and Ovntel Woods must part ways," Trail Blazers Presi-dent Steve Patterson said in a statement. "We are confident that this action is both justified and appropriate."

The Trail Blazers suspended Woods indefinitely without pay on Oct. 12. He was in the final year of a three-year contract that would have paid him \$1.1 million.

#### Pistons acquire Arroyo from Jazz for Campbell, future pick

DETROIT - The Detroit Pistons acquired point guard Carlos Arroyo from Utah on Friday in a trade that sent center Elden Campbell and a first-round pick after 2006 to the Jazz.

The 6-foot-2 Arroyo will provide depth behind Chauncey Billups and will allow Lindsey Hunter - in his 12th NBA season - to play fewer minutes.

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## Agassi defeats Dent, advances to fourth round

## Mauresmo, Kuznetsova, S. Williams, Sharapova advance on women's side

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE Australia Four-time champion Andre Agassi used lobs and stinging passes to hold off Taylor Dent 7-5, 7-6 (3), 6-1 Friday, reaching the fourth round of the Australian Open and moving closer to a showdown with Roger Federer.

eighth<sub>seeded</sub> The eighth-seeded Agassi never faltered against his fellow American. Showing no ill effects from a torn tendon in his right hip, sustained just before the season's opening Grand Slam tourna ment, Agassi committed only six unforced errors - none in the

The 29th-seeded Dent rushed the net on 136 of the 201 points but constantly found himself lunging and diving for shots, and winning only 51 percent of the forays. The packed center court roared in approval of the strong performance by both players.

"It's always a bit of a deceiving stat when you got a guy that's put ting so much pressure," Agassi



like seems any time I did miss, it was because he was putting pressure

Dent is one of the pure

serve-and-volleyers left in tennis. "If you're not on your game, he's one of the worst guvs to play," Agassi said. "The guy's really talented, can make a lot of shots that you just don't expect him to be able to pull off, and he does them at the most important

Agassi is one victory from a quarterfinal match with Federer. The top seed lost his first service game, then got back on track and advanced when Finland's Jarkko Nieminen quit with an abdominal muscle tear on a day when injuries played a role in several matches

Agassi next faces another

power player, No. 11 Joachim Johannson of Sweden, who survived a four-hour struggle against No. 24 Feliciano Lopez of Spain that went to 13-11 in the fifth set.

"Tennis can be a very cruel and sometimes arguably unfair sport." Agassi said. "You've got to deal with what's thrown at you. I can honestly say I'm glad I didn't go 13-11 in the fifth."

Playing better after injuring his right ankle, fourth-seeded Marat Safin was testy at times but kept his notorious temper in check in a 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory against Croatia's Mario Ancic

"When I twisted my ankle, I just kind of stopped a little bit thinking about the way I was playing," Safin said.

g, Saim Said. French Open champion Gaston Gaudio, seeded 10th, was able to continue after treatment on both thighs, but Dominik Hrbaty upset him in five sets despite 88 unforced errors.

Lisa Raymond lasted only one game of her doubles match before retiring with a strained back

her third-round match Saturday against French Open champ Anastasia Myskina.

In another doubles match, 48-year-old Martina Navratilova advanced to the third round with Daniela Hantuchova

Agassi was down 4-1 in the first set before coming back, although Dent still nearly forced a tiebreaker. Then Agassi went up a break early in the second set, only to see Dent tie it 3-3

Dent fended off five break points while serving at 5-5, then squandered triple break point in the next game. At deuce, Agassi made a rare venture to the net and tapped a backhand drop vol-ley that briefly rolled along the tape before falling for a winner

Agassi never trailed in the tiebreaker, finishing it with a crisp backhand crosscourt pass. That seemed to take the steam out of Dent, who won only 11 points in the last set.

The 34-year-old Agassi, who refused to come to Australia early in his career, called the decision one of his greatest regrets.

"I keep trying to make up for it" he said

And he gave no indication he plans to retire soon. When commentator Jim Courier asked when his son Jaden might be playing Pete Sampras' son Christian, Agassi said: "Would it shock you if I told you I was going to play Christian Sampras before Jaden

In women's singles, ond-ranked Amelie Mauresmo and U.S. Open winner Svetlana Kuznetsova won in straight sets

and will face unseeded opponents in the fourth round.

Serena Williams, seeded seventh, ended the run of wild card Sania Mirza, the first Indian woman to reach the second round of a Grand Slam Williams defeated Mirza 6-1 4-4 ending with a second-serve ace and skipping off the court. She next meets No. 11 Nadia Petrova.

"Finally, after forever it seems, (I was) able to feel my serve," Williams said. "So I was really happy about that.

Wimbledon winner Sharapova beat China's Li Na 6-0, 6-2. Li had only three winners in her 50-minute loss. Sharapova, one of three Russians among the top six seeded players, next meets 15th-seeded Silvia Farina Elia of Italy

"I'm a much better player than was seven months ago, Sharanova said.

Mauresmo defeated Serbian teenager Ana Ivanovic 6-2, 7-5 and awaits Evgenia Linetskaya, a 6-3 6-4 winner over American Amy Frazier

Kuznetsova made 48 unforced errors in her 6-3, 7-6 (5) win over Diaz-Oliva. Mariana 15th-seeded Silvia Farina Elia cruised past British qualifier Elena Baltacha 6-1, 6-0.

On the men's side, Sweden's Thomas Johansson, seeded 30th, survived his third consecutive five-set match by downing American Kevin Kim. No. 13 Tommy Robredo of Spain fell in straight sets to qualifier Marcos Baghdatis, who has won 17 of 18 matches, including qualifying,



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(28), Croatia, 6-4, 3-6, 5-3, 6-4,
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Gaudio (10), Argentina, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (8), 6-7
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#### Women Second Round

Second Round
Eleni Daniilidou. Greece, and Nicole Pratt
(16), Australia, def. Tathiana Garbin, Italy, and Tina Krizar, Slovenia, 6-4, 6-3.
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Tu, United States, def. Liga Dekmeljere,
Latvia, and Nana Miyagi, Japān, 6-2, 6-2.
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## Lehman shows he's still got game, leads Buick

### U.S. Ryder Cup captain opens with 10-under 62 on North course at Torrey Pines

BY DOUG FERGUSON The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO - Not long after he was appointed Ryder Cup cap tain, Tom Lehman said he would like to play for the U.S. team next year in Ireland. Considering he hasn't won in five years, some people thought it was a joke.

Apparently not. "It's a goal. It's a dream," Lehman said after tying his ca-reer-low round Thursday, a 10-under 62 on the North course at Torrey Pines that gave him a one-shot lead over Dean Wilson in the Buick Invitational.

"I'd like to be able to play well to be on the team," he said. "It would be a unique situation.

Lehman said he would still remain captain, working with assistants Loren Roberts and Corey Pavin. There hasn't been a play-ing captain in the Ryder Cup since Arnold Palmer in 1963 at

East Lake The 2006 matches are 20 months away. And Lehman has said he wouldn't take a spot on the team if he slipped in the back door by relying on a bunch of top-10 finishes without winning. Plus, the bulk of the Ryder Cup points will be earned next year. and Lehman conceded "it would be an upset" if he made the team.



Tom Lehman hits from a fairway bunker on the 18th hole of the North course at Torrey Pines during the first round of the Buick Invitational on Thursday, Lehman, who has not won an event since the 2000 Phoenix Open, is the first-round leader at 10 under.

"But if my game keeps progressing, you never know," he

The idea Friday was for his game to progress by shifting over to the South course, which is so tough that players don't need a reminder it will hold the 2008 U.S. Open, while the North course will hold a bunch of corporate tents.

Just look at the leader board after one round of the Buick Invi-

All but two of the top scores came from the North course, which measures a meager 6,873 yards and played nearly three shots easier than the South course.

The exceptions were Aaron

(67), whose round included an ace on the par-3 third hole with a 5-iron.

Among the top six players in the world at Torrey Pines, only Ernie Els played the North course and took advantage. Despite a few sloppy shots, he took advantage with nine birdies for a 7-under 65

"You have one chance to shoot something really decent," Els said. "And you've got to hope for the best on the South. These are totally different. One is like a pitch-and-putt, and then you get to the real world."

Over in the real world, Tiger Woods struggled with lingering af-fects from the flu by making a 45-foot birdie on the par-3 third and twice saving par with long putts for a 69, putting him in a arge group that included Sergio

Garcia. Vijay Singh, who missed his only cut last year in the Buick Invitational, birdied his final hole for a 71 on the South. Phil Mickelson made an inauspicious debut by hitting only five fairways, playing the par 5s in 2 over and shoot-

ing 72 The average score on the South course was 72.43, compared with 69 56 on the North No other PGA Tour event played on multiple courses has such a disparity.

A year ago, the North course was 3.53 strokes easier than the South course at Torrey Pines. The next greatest difference in courses was at the Bob Hope Classic. where La Ouinta was 2.35 strokes higher than Indian Wells. Arron Öberholser polished off

Sunday, January 23, 2005

his 64 on the North course and already was looking ahead. "It's nice to get off to a good start, knowing I've got to play the Monster tomorrow," he said. The topic of Lehman being a

playing captain at the Ryder Cup didn't come up because of one good round. Winless since the 2000 Phoenix Open, left off the last two Ryder Cup teams, Lehman has been working hard on his short game and everything started coming together late last

He tied for fourth in the Canadian Open.

Then, he finished his year by playing in the final group three straight weeks — Greensboro, Las Vegas and Disney — although his putting let him down

in all three. He made his '05 debut last week in the Sony Open, where he tied for ninth.

"I'm doing a lot of things right that you need to do right out here," Lehman said. "It would have been nice to continue to the first tee on the South course and keep going.

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## Clemens coming back for 1 year, \$18M

BY JOEL ANDERSON The Associated Press

HOUSTON - Roger Clemens is coming back for one more year and getting the highest salary

for a pitcher in baseball history. The Rocket and the Houston Astros agreed Friday to an \$18 million, one-year contract, and the seven-time Cy Young Award winner made the commitment to play for his 22nd major league season.

"I'm ready for the challenge. Here we go again," Clemens said. Clemens, whose salary tops the

\$17.5 million Pedro Martinez earned with Boston last year in the option year of his contract, first retired after pitching for the New York Yankees in the 2003 World Series. But he changed his mind and agreed on Jan. 12 last year to join his hometown Astros, accepting a \$5 million, one-year

deal that was way below his mar-The 42-year-old right-hander helped lead the Astros within one win of their first World Series an pearance, earning \$1,825,000 in bonuses based largely on Houston's home attendance, then said again that he was "99 percent" re-

But momentum built after he returned earlier this month from a Hawaiian vacation, and he asked for \$22 million salary matching his uniform number when proposed figures for salary arbitration were filed Tuesday. Houston offered \$13.5 million, leaving the midpoint at \$17.75 mil-

"I kind of sat back and laughed at the numbers," he said. His agents, Randy and Alan Hendricks, then negotiated the deal with the Astros on Wednesday and Thursday

"This came on so fast last night," Clemens said, adding that he would start two-a-day workouts in the next few days. "I'm going to have to get ready to play

"I thank my family. Last night there were some smiles, there were some tears," Clemens added, saving that sons Koby and Kory helped talk him into playing



## Pats' Seymour won't start Sunday but might play

FOXBORO, Mass. - New England defensive lineman Richard Seymour will not start in Sunday's AFC title game against the Pittsburgh Steelers because of a left knee injury, though might play as a substitute.

"We'll see where he is." coach Bill Belichick said Friday before the team's flight to Pittshurgh "Maybe he can give us some situational play during the game."

Seymour, one of two Patriots on the All-Pro team, remained on the injury report as questionable, meaning there was a 50 percent chance he would not play. The only other Patriots reported as injured were linebacker Ted Johnson, who was probable with the flu, and fullback Patrick Pass, who was questionable with a sore

Starting cornerbacks Ty Law and Tyrone Poole finished the season on injured reserve.

Seymour was injured in the 26 victory over the New York Jets and missed the last game of the regular season and the Patriots' first playoff game, a 20-3 victory over the Indianapolis Colts last week

#### Niners hire HOF LB Singletary as Nolan's top assistant

SANTA CLARA, Calif. - Hall of Fame linebacker Mike Singletary was hired to be the San Francisco 49ers' assistant head coach and linebackers coach on Friday.

Singletary, who spent 12 NFL seasons with the Chicago Bears, spent the past two seasons as a linebackers coach with the Baltimore Ravens in his first coaching He worked closely with Ravens defensive coordinator Mike Nolan who was hired as the 49ers' head coach on Wednesday.

Singletary, 46, played for the Bears from 1981-92 and was voted the NFL's top defensive player in 1985 and 1988. After finishing his career with 1,488 tackles, he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1998.

#### Three Falcons miss second straight day of practice

FLOWERY BRANCH - Offensive tackle Todd Weiner and cor-nerback Kevin Mathis sat out practice for the Atlanta Falcons on Thursday because of ailing ankles, leaving them questionable for the NFC championship game.

While coach Jim Mora said both players "were a lot better," they skipped practice for the sec-

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ond day in a row. The coach was hopeful both would be able to practice Friday.

Weiner has started all but one game at right tackle for Atlanta over the past three seasons. Mathis started 13 games this sea son, but Jason Webster probably will get the nod at right cornerback against the Eagles.

Rackun defensive end Travis Hall also was listed as questionable, missing his second straight practice with a chest injury. He is one of only two holdovers from Atlanta's 1999 Super Bowl team

#### SEC will review call against Arkansas three-pointer

LITTLE ROCK — The South-eastern Conference said Thursday it would review whether officials made the right call by disallowing a three-point basket by Arkansas that would have given the Razorbacks their first conference victory on the road in nearly two

LSU beat Arkansas 66-63 in overtime Wednesday night after officials made a call that Arkan sas coach Stan Heath said compromised the integrity of the The three-man changed a three-point basket to a two-pointer, wining out an apparent 59-58 Arkansas victory in regulation

DeWayne Peevy, the SEC's associate director for media relations, said basketball officials supervisor Dan Guthrie should receive videotape of the game Friday. Peevy said it appeared the officials followed procedures correctly in reviewing the shot, but that a decision couldn't be made regarding the specific call until the tape was in

#### Giles agrees to \$2.35 million, one-year contract with Braves

ATLANTA - Second baseman Marcus Giles skipped salary arbitration by agreeing Thursday to a \$2.35 million, one-year contract with the Atlanta Braves.

Giles received a big raise from the \$430 000 he made last season Eligible for arbitration for the first time, he had asked for \$2.7 million while the Braves had offered \$2.05 million.

The 26-year-old infielder batted .311 last season, with eight homers, 48 RBIs and 17 stolen bases. He missed 52 games after breaking his right collarbone in a collision with Andruw Jones

#### Devil Rays agree to contract with first-round draft pick

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - The long wait is over for Tampa Bay Devil Rays pitching prospect Jeff

The fourth pick in the draft last June, Niemann agreed to terms Thursday on a major league contract worth \$5.2 million over five years, including a \$3.2 million signing bonus.

260-pound 6-foot-9, right-hander will earn \$100,000 in the minors this year. If he makes a quicker-than-expected transition from college to the ma-

jors, he'd make \$316,000. Niemann went 28-4 with a 2.41 ERA in three seasons at Rice, including 17-0 to tie an NCAA Division I record and help the Owls win the College World Series in 2003. He was 6-3 with three saves and a 3.02 ERA in 17 games for the Owls in 2004 allowing just 59 hits in 801/3 innings while striking out 94 and holding opponents to a 207 batting average

#### Blake agrees to \$5.4 million, two-year contract with Indians

CLEVELAND - All those years in the minor leagues paid off for Casey Blake.

Blake agreed Friday to a \$5.4 million two-year contract with the Cleveland Indians, a deal that avoided salary arbitration

Blake joined the Indians in 2003 as a stopgap measure at third base after spending most of the previous seven seasons in the minors. His solid offensive numbers and capable defense made him part of the club's longterm

Blake hit 271 with career his of 28 homers and 88 RBIs in 152 games last season, ranking in the in nearly every offensive category He faces a new challenge this season in moving from third to

the outfield to make way for Aaron Boone, who signed with the Indians during last season but couldn't play because of an injured left knee

Blake will play left or right, depending on whether Juan Gonzalez makes the club as the starting right fielder.

#### Orioles sign reliever Reed BALTIMORE - Reliever

Steve Reed and the Baltimore Orioles agreed Friday to a \$1.05 million, one-year contract.

Reed went 3-8 last year and led the Colorado Rockies with a 3.68

major league record by appear-ing in at least 50 games for the 12th consecutive season.

In 13 major league seasons Reed has gone 48-42 with a 3.51

He is 29th in appearances with 803

Reed, 39, has pitched for San Francisco, Cleveland, Atlanta, San Diego and the New York

#### U.S. Soccer sides bicker over length of no-strike clause

NEW YORK - With the U.S. Soccer Federation still threatening to use a replacement team of minor leaguers in next month's World Cup qualifier, lawyers for players and management argued over the length of a no-strike clause when they met with a federal mediator for the first time

The players' association, which says it is being locked out, offered a five-month no-strike pledge to end the dispute, the union said after Thursday's hargaining session in Chicago.

Management and the union have been without a contract for more than two years and are fighting over money and other issues.

The USSF said it would use the regular national-team players for the Feb. 9 game at Trinidad and Tobago if the union gave a no-strike pledge through the end of qualifying in November.

Players then said they would to a no-strike clause through qualifying only if the USSF paid them at the rate of management's last proposal, not at the rate of the contract that expired in December 2002. The federation, which is offering retroactive increases once a new con tract takes effect, said the new rate would be used now only if the no-strike agreement extended until May 31, 2006, nine days before the scheduled start of the World Cup in Germany

In addition, the union proposed that the mediator choose compromise numbers between the sides' proposals.

#### E. Conn. basketball player dies after collapsing at game WORCESTER Mass - East-

ern Connecticut guard Antwoine Key died Thursday night after collapsing during the opening minutes of a game at Worcester State. Emergency personnel tried to revive Key, 22, and rushed him to a Worcester hospital, where he ficials said

It was not immediately clear what caused Key to collapse dur ing the game, which was suspended.

Key, a 6-foot-4 senior, trans-ferred from Southern Connecticut in the fall of 2003. He started all 14 games this season and was averaging 7.6 points and 2.8 re-

#### Sixth S. Carolina football player charged with theft

COLUMBIA, S.C. — A sixth South Carolina football player - A sixth has been charged with stealing more than \$10,500 worth of comuter and video equipment from Williams-Brice Stadium university officials announced Friday.

Former tight end Brian Brownlee was charged with grand larceny, a felony. An arrest warrant says Brownlee confessed to taking two lanton computers each valued at \$4,000, and two computer projectors, worth about \$1,675 and \$850.

When a television reporter asked Brownlee at a bond hear-ing Friday afternoon if he was surprised at the charges, he replied,

His lawyers told a judge that all items had been returned and Brownlee, who graduated in De-cember, had turned himself into police. The judge granted Brown lee bond and permission to travel to Atlanta to train for the NFL.

University and athletic department officials and his lawyers refused to comment on Brownlee's charges Friday.

Five players were charged Thursday in the case. Offensive Woodly Telfort was lineman charged with grand larceny, while quarterbacks Syvelle Newton and Dondrial Pinkins, defensive lineman Freddy Saint-Preux and safety Rodriques were charged with petit larceny, a misdemeanor.

The thefts, totaling \$18,000, occurred the night of Nov. 22 after the team was informed it would not go to a bowl game as punish-ment for an on-field brawl with Clemson.

#### Men's super-G wiped out KITZBUEHEL, Austria - The

men's World Cup super-G scheduled for Friday was called off because of fog. freezing rain and unrelenting snow.

The race will probably be re scheduled for Monday, after Sat-urday's downhill and Sunday's slalom on the Hahnenkamm.

# **SPORTS**



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# **Boom or bust — again — in Philly**

Eagles fighting a frightening playoff history

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA -Andy

Reid is tired of going to Hawaii. For the past three years, Reid and the rest of the Philadelphia Eagles' coaching staff have spent the week after the Super Bowl in Honolulu leading the NFC's Pro Bowl team, the result of losing the conference championship game.

Reid will gladly trade those floral shirts and leis for a trip to Jacksonville this year.

"I never thought I'd say I don't want to go to Hawaii," Reid said. "You get to this point, you really aren't that worried about what happened in the past. You are so focused in on what you need to do right now and the type of things that you are doing right now."

Playing in the past three NFC championship games gives the Eagles a significant edge over Atlanta in big-game experience.

Losing all three of those games also puts all the pressure on Philadelphia to get to the Super Bowl for the first time in 24 years.

The Falcons, meanwhile, have far less to lose. A year ago, they were 5-11. Now they're a victory away from the second Super Bowl appearance in franchise history; the other was in 1999.

up there and play loose and let it roll," Falcons rookie coach Jim Mora said "We don't feel any pressure. It's house money we're gambling with. So we're just going to go up there and fling it around and see if we can't stay on the field with them for a little while.'

The Eagles have trav-eled this road before, only to get detoured at the last stop before playing for the NFL title. They were favorites at home the past two years against teams which played in a warmer climate and had trouble winning on the road and in cold weather

It could be downright freezing when the Eagles (14-3) host the Falcons (12-5) on Sunday afternoon, with forecasters calling for

"I don't think it'll be a factor, Falcons quarterback Michael Vick said. "Football is played in all types of conditions: rain, sleet, snow or whatever. The game is not going to be called off. This is for all the marbles

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#### Out of reach

ce losing to Oakland in the Super Bowl n. 25, 1981, the Eagles are 8-11 in the play-Here's a look at some of the setbacks: NFC championship games

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- 29-24 at St. Louis
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- 20-10 at N.Y. Giants
- 30-11 at Dallas
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- 34-10 at Dallas
- 20-12 at Chicago
Wild-card round
- 20-6 to Washington
- 27-21 to N.Y. Giants

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Kearse will be chasing Vick and the Super Bowl

By JASON LA CANFORA

The Washington Post

PHILADELPHIA - On Monday morning, the Philadelphia Eagles' day off, defensive end Jevon Kearse showed up at the team's training facility with only one thing on his mind. He was seeking out Tommy Brasher, the team's defensive line coach, to lobby for a more integral role in the game plan for Sunday's NFC championship game, volunteering to shadow Atlanta's gifted quarterback, Michael Vick.

Kearse did not want to reveal too much about the outcome of that meeting when speaking with the media this week - secrecy, after all, is a hallmark of the NFL - but

his huge smile and hearty chuckle gave plenty away. While the Eagles will not use a spy to follow Vick on every play, when they do, that player frequently will be Kearse, who has quickness and pass-rushing ability to go with his size (6 feet 4, 265 pounds).

Philadelphia signed the three-time Pro Bowler to an eight-year, \$66 million contract on the first day of free agency last year with precisely this game in mind, believing Kearse's impact on its defense would help end the team's three-year habit of losing in the NFC title game.

The Eagles once again will be a single afternoon away from their first trip to the Super Bowl since 1981, and Kearse fig-ures to be at the center of the effort to contain Vick, who is considered by many to be the best pure runner in football and whose unpredictable quarterbacking style makes him the league's biggest wild card. Kearse expects to line up at right and left defensive end, and he plans to

both pressure Vick, 24, on the pass rush and prevent him from getting to the outside and taking off on highlight-reel runs that are his specialty.

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Philadelphia signed three-time Pro Bowl end Jevon Kearse to an eight-year, \$66 million contract last vear and he led the team with 71/2 sacks.

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